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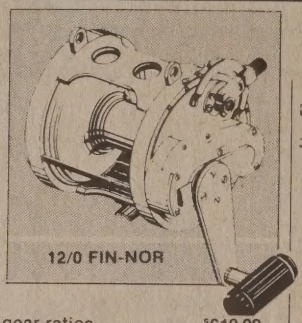

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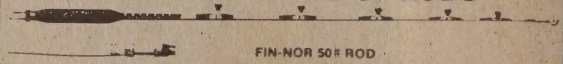

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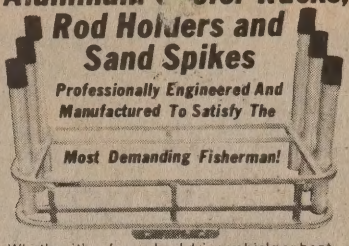

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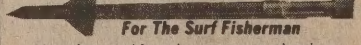

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SUSPICION AND CONFUSION OVER STRIPED BASS REGULATIONS

On Tuesday, April 22, 1986, The Department of Environmental Conservation announced the PCB closure of the striped bass commercial fishery at a public hearing. It was impossible for The Fisherman to analyze data, interpret management plan elements, or formulate a credible and clear position paper in the very short time provided between the announcement of the hearing and the date it was held. The time-frame compression was a result of chicken politics in which the Department of Health and the DEC threw responsibility for the announcement back and forth delaying availability of PCB data to the public and creating an awkward atmosphere for the public hearing. It is clear there are two issues involved here, not one. First and foremost is the management issue: How will New York State meet the required 55% reduction in fishing mortality given two dirty fisheries (haul seines and gillnets) account for a large share of the yearly commercial landings? In order to meet management criteria set forth by The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, management strategies must be inacted. The fact is that New York State was unable to do so in 1985 and the ASMFC allowed New York to substitute PCB closures for management measures. This was both inappropriate and confusing. This error was repeated and compounded by Tuesday's announcement.

The second issue is the health issue associated with high levels of PCBs in striped bass. It is another issue and must not be mixed with the issue of striped bass management.

Nowhere in the fishery manager's "manual" is there a strategy that allows health concerns to serve as valid control measures for conservation of fish stocks. If a species of fish is dangerous to eat, then appropriate warnings and marketplace prohibitions should come from the Department of Health and Dr. Axelrod. In this case a fishery was closed to meet a management criteria (55% reduction) through the vehicle of public danger versus PCB contamination. That mixes apples and oranges and leaves most concerned people in a fog.

The DEC, The Department of Health, and the Governor's Office are guilty of playing chicken politics with an important pair of issues, of not properly serving the needs of the people of this state, and of not properly addressing its management responsibilities with respect to striped bass.

The Long Island Fisherman is currently gathering data and information on this issue. This data is both voluminous and complex. In the 60 days of the emergency measures' existance we will investigate and publish the document we will file officially.

SUPPORT NEEDED FOR STATE PARKS BILL

The simple fact is that state parks should be for recreation, and only those commercial activities that benefit the recreational user should be allowed on state parks property.

Taxpayers pay for the construction, the operation, and the maintenance of the parks, so why should recreators have to compete with commercial interests that do not service or benefit recreators.

Specifically related to fishing, about 6000 to 8000 people paid an approximate total amount of $100,000 in USE fees to the state parks system on Long Island in 1985. Compare these thousands to the handful of commercial fishermen who exploit the parks for profit—often at the expense of those holding user fee permits.

Although philsophically it makes no sense to allow commercial non-recreation related activities in the Long Island State Parks, in practice recreators would be unaware of them if it weren't for the persistent practice of commercial interference with recreation: indeed, intimidation and forceful prevention of recreation is more exact a description. In the past, deals have been attempted over handshakes that were to have "guaranteed" that gill netters and haul seiners would avoid areas where recreational fishermen were engaged in their sport. Such agreements are referred to as gentlemen's agreements, but they only work out when gentlemen shake your hand. The ruthless and the unethical in an otherwise sincere group cannot be properly policed by their own who are busy pursuing their own profession.

It is clear that the parks must be free of this exploitation and intimidation.

About a half-decade ago, The Fisherman introduced legislation that was intended to prevent such obvious misuse of the parks and abuse of recreators.

Assemblyman Arthur Kremer was the bill's sponsor in the Assembly and Senator Johnson in the Senate. Initially, we were urged to make changes in the legislation that would make it more palatable to commercial interests, less sensitive for legislators, and perhaps find passage through the legislature. We agreed to these changes and still the bill was resisted by commercial interests.

In 1984-85, Assemblyman Patrick Halpin picked up sponsorship of the bill and it passed the Assembly. It did not pass in the Senate. This year the bill has again passed in the Assembly.

Senator Johnson has had difficulty with the bill in the Senate, for reasons of complex sensitivity and political maneuvering by opponents. However, this year we are in a position to shape our own destiny. We have been compiling a file of evidence that shows clearly that commercial fishermen at the state parks have intimidated anglers, bathers, walkers, joggers and other recreators, and what's more this practice of intimidation, interference and forced removal of park patrons from recreation activities has been on-going for many, many years.

The evidence is clear and undisputable. Recreators who pay parking fees and user fees should not find themselves in the position of being prevented from seeking their recreation by commercial interests.

We intend to show this evidence to key senators.

The bill as currently written is very fair in that it requires commercial fishermen to stay only 1,000 feet from the beach, it excludes undeveloped Napeague and makes other allowances. In spite of the fairness of the bill in its present form, we are not blind to suggestions from knowledgeable legislators, enforcement personnel, and other experts whose expertise might have bearing on this bill.

You can help!!

We have been led to believe by people close to the legislative process that the only chance for passage of this legislation in the Senate is a very large outcry of support. There will likely be significant opposition from Senator Kenneth LaValle and that opposition could make passage difficult in the Republican dominated Senate unless concerned people demand its passage.

It is important to understand that we may not have a chance to pass this legislation into law again. It has passed the Assembly and we can't assume that feat can be repeated at will. Pressure will be generated to move the bill in the Senate, but success depends upon you. For those of you who have called our office or written in disgust because you were fishing in a state pary to be intimidated or forced away by gill netters or haul seine crews, now is the time when you can put that disgust to good use.

Your letter does not have to be long or fancy. Simply say you fish on Long Island (or swim or walk, etc., on the state parks) and you support *Bill S 3220, The Parklands Bill.* That's all you have to say.

Consult the following list of Senators for the one who represents you. If you can, it would be useful if you could also send a copy of your letter to Senator Owen Johnson, the bill's sponsor, and The Fisherman.

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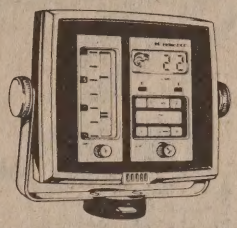

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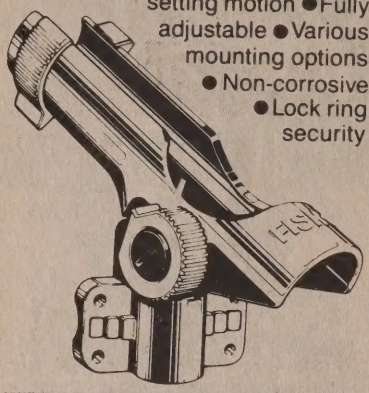

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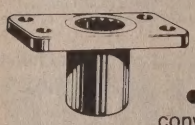

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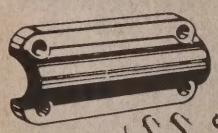

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EARLY SEASON SHARK HUNT ANNOUNCED BY MONTAUK MARINE BASIN

Anticipating a very early and explosive shark season in eastern Long Island waters, the Montauk Marine Basin has announced that its 16th annual Shark Tag Tournament will be held the weekend of June 28th and 29th, with a gala celebration to kick off the event on Friday evening, the 27th.

The Tournament will offer a total purse of $25,000 in cash prizes, the largest in its history. The early date was determined by a pattern of excellent early shark seasons in recent years, a trend that is expected to be intensified by the premature warming of water temperatures brought about by this year's very balmy early spring.

The Montauk Marine Basin is setting a conservation oriented tone for this year's tournament, encouraging entrants to tag and release all but the largest sharks. "We want to put an end to the senseless slaughter of large numbers of sharks," says the Marine Basin's Carl Darenberg, Jr. "By communicating with our radio control boat, fishermen will be able to get up-to-the minute information on the largest sharks boated up to that point in the tournament. This will allow them to make reasoned judgments about releasing any smaller fish."

Prizes for this year's tournament will be $12,000 for the largest mako, $8,000 for the largest shark of any species, and $5,000 for the largest blue shark. Under this prize structure, a very large mako could capture two out of three categories, sending one angler home with as much as $20,000 in prize money. In addition, smaller cash and tackle awards will be made in special categories.

As in the past, the Montauk Marine Basin will donate funds for a $1,000 scholarship to a marine biology student at the State University at Stony Brook. Last year's Marine Basin scholarship winner was Chris Nelson, a graduate student who has been studying the effects of the 1985 brown algae bloom on the Long Island Bay scallop population.

The $500 per boat entry fee for this year's Shark Tag Tournament includes a catered Tex-Mex barbecue and cocktail party. The deadline for entering the tournament is June 1st.

Darenberg adds that the early tournament date will offer the advantage of greater availability and lower prices for local overnight accommodations, which can be scarce and expensive later in the summer season. The tournament is open to both individual anglers and clubs, fishing from private or charter boats. A full range of charter facilities are available by reservation at the Montauk Marine Basin.

This year's Shark Tag Tournament will receive national media coverage in "Tournament Digest" and other prominent outdoor publications.

For further information and entry forms, contact Carl Darenberg, Jr. at the Montauk Marine Basin, Inc., West Lake Drive, Montauk, NY 11954, (516) 668-5900.

GALLUP POLL POINTS TO INCREASED FISHING PARTICIPATION

The 1985 Gallup Leisure Activities Audit reports that 34 percent of American adults went fishing at least once in 1985. This is an increase from 30 percent in 1984. Fishing was second to swimming (41 percent) as the most popular sport in America. In 1984, fishing was the third most popular behind swimming (41 percent) and bicycling (38 percent).

Fishing was the top activity for adult men in 1985 with 44 percent participating. Swimming was second (42 percent) and bicycling third (32 percent). However, among adult women fishing ranked fifth with 24 percent participating. Swimming (41 percent), bicycling (33 percent), aerobics (28 percent), and bowling (25 percent) were all more popular.

The long term trend in the percent of Americans fishing at least once in the year is: 1959, 32 percent; 1964, 38 percent; 1972, 24 percent; 1983, 28 percent; 1984, 30 percent; and 1985, 34 percent. Of the 1984 fishing participants, 36 percent fished 1 to 4 times, 41 percent fished 5 to 20 times, and 23 percent fished over 20 times.

Participation is much higher for all sports among youths (age 13 to 18) than adults (18 years of age and older). For example, in 1983, 48 percent of all youths fished at least once in comparison to 28 percent of all adults. In 1979, the difference was even greater with 54 percent of all youths fishing in comparison to 24 percent of all adults. Comparable figures were not published for 1985.

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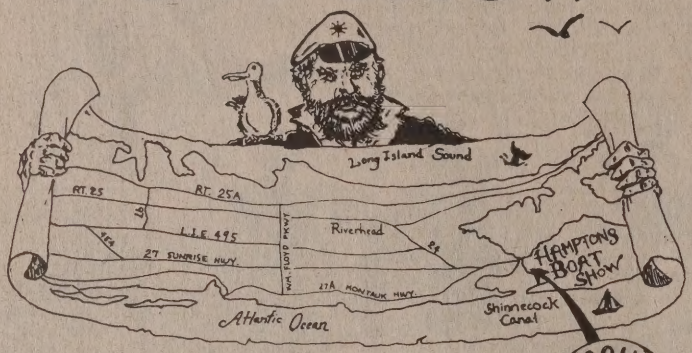

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OSWEGO COUNTY TROUT DERBY WALK-IN SITES ANNOUNCED

In less than a month, over 2,500 fishermen from throughout the Northeastern United States will flood the Oswego County area for the Annual Oswego County Trout Derby, May 2, 3 and 4 on Eastern Lake Ontario. The three-day event is being sponsored by the Miller Brewing Company and Port City Sports in cooperation with the Oswego County Legislature and coordinated by the Greater Oswego Chamber of Commerce, and features over $25,000 in cash and merchandise prizes. Berkley Trilene is the official line of the derby.

Walk-in registrations are available at several locations throughout the Oswego County area, Rochester and Syracuse.

The walk-in sites for this year's derby in Oswego are: Riverview Gun & Sport Shop, Greater Oswego Chamber of Commerce, Port City Sports, Harry's Bait & Tackle Shop, The Salmon Shop, Oswego Gun Supply, Old Timer's Inn and P&C Food Markets. In Fulton, derby entrants can register at the Fulton Chamber of Commerce, Midway Bait Shop, J.C. Pierce and B&T Sport Shop.

In Pulaski, anglers can register at Tony's Salmon Country Sports and the Redwood Motel. In Mexico, Flat Rock Campsites and Mexico Outdoor Adventures are accepting registrations as are Woody's Grocery in Scriba, Greene Point Marina in Sandy Pond and Frost Haven Resort in Fair Haven.

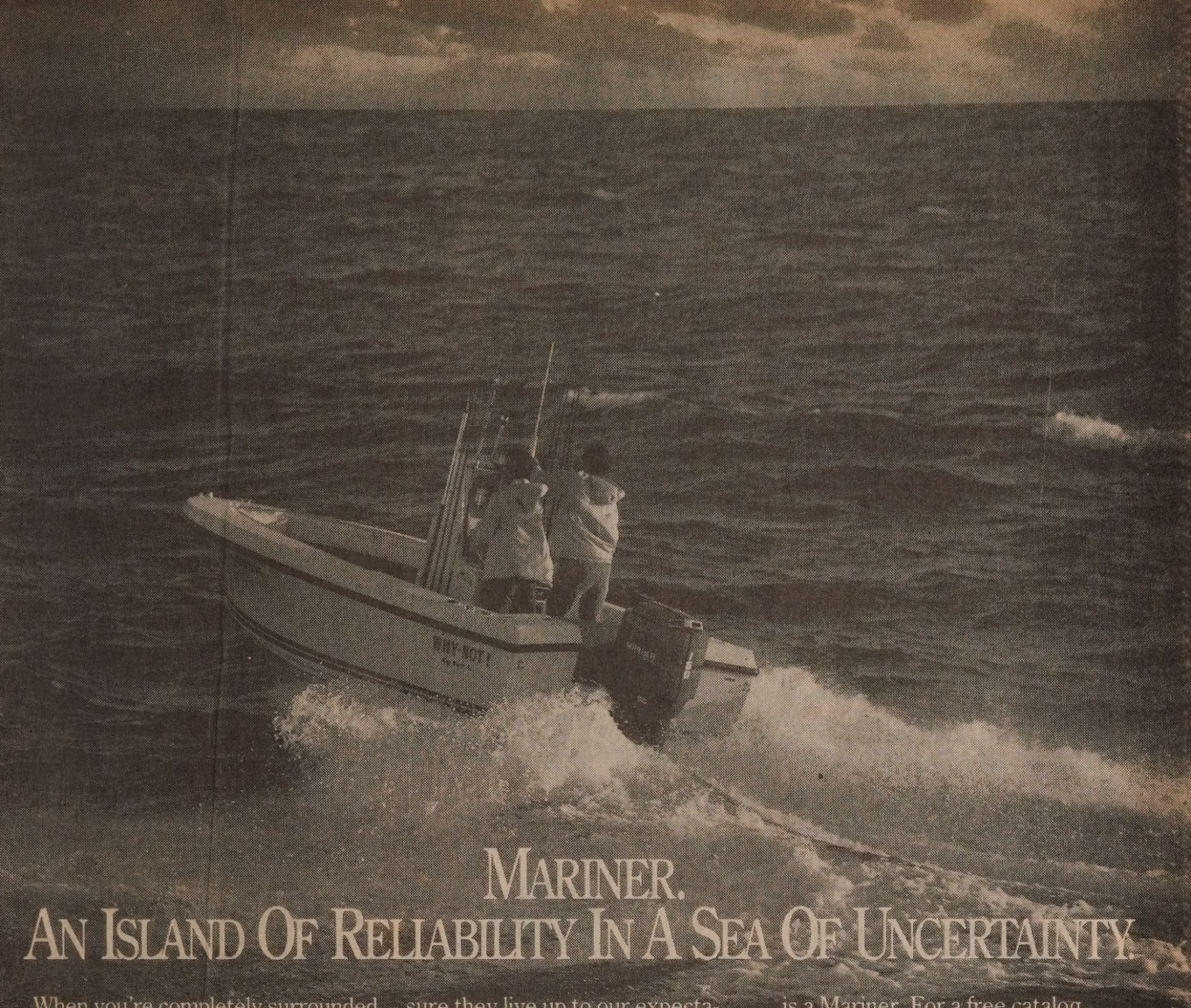
The Hollow Grinder in Rochester and Fredon Sports, Ltd., in Syracuse have also been designated as walk-in sites. The entry fee for the derby is $12. Walk-in registrations will be accepted until midnight May 1st.

"The Trout Derby is a fantastic event," said Sanford Resnick, Executive Director of the Greater Oswego Chamber of Commerce. "Not only are fishermen going to catch some of the best trout and salmon they've ever seen, but the lucky angler who catches the largest brown trout walks away with a $10,000 cash prize!"

Resnick was also quick to point out that, along with the $10,000 cash award for the largest brown trout, fishing enthusiasts can also win cash and merchandise prizes in several categories, as well as trophies, plaques and 500 merchandise prizes to be given away through blind drawings during the weekend derby.

The derby spokesperson also stressed that children 12 and under are free when accompanied by a parent or guardian who is registered. An entry form must be completed for each child.

According to Joyce Malone of Oswego Gun Supply, the angler 12 years or younger with the biggest



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catch, will also be awarded the Oswego Gun Supply Trophy. "This can be a great time for the whole family," Resnick said, "and if there are non-fishermen in the family, there are a wide range of activities available in Oswego County—so plan to make this a family weekend trip!"

THIRD ANNUAL AMI BOAT SHOW

The third Annual AMI Boat Show will again be held at the County Marina on Shinnecock Canal in Hampton Bays. Dates this year are the weekends of May 3rd and 4th and May 10th and 11th.

The Queen of the Show this year will be a 40' Mainship displayed by Corrigan's Yacht Yard of Hampton Bays. Available in either gas or diesel power, the Mainship "40" offers sumptuous accommodations for 6, aft stateroom with head (complete with tub), complete galley with full appliances and large stateroom for entertaining. Like all Mainships, the "40" comes fully equipped with swim platform, generator, stereo, battery charger, pulpit and much more—all standard.

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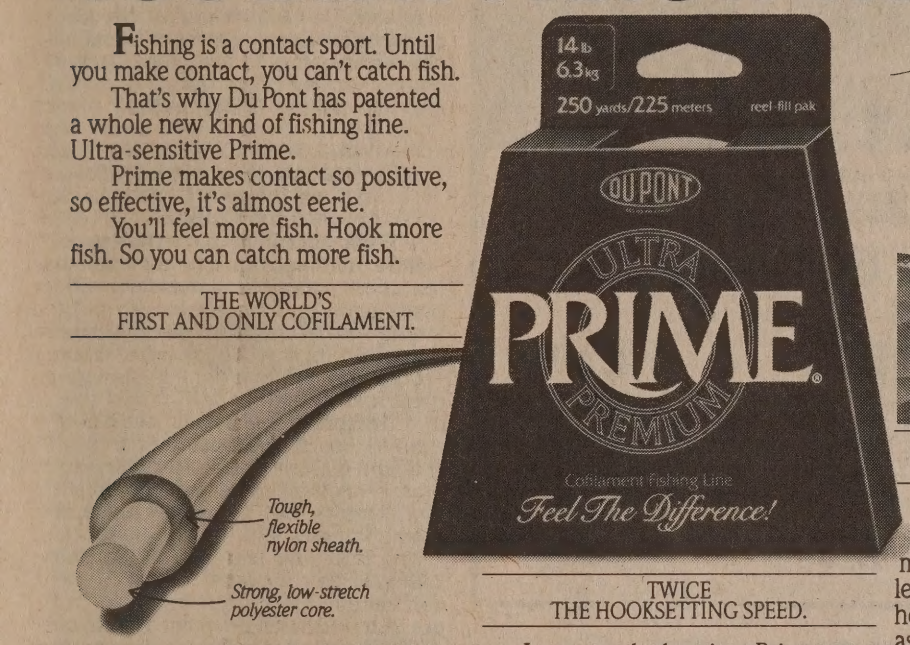

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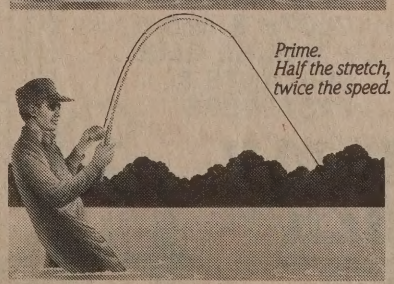

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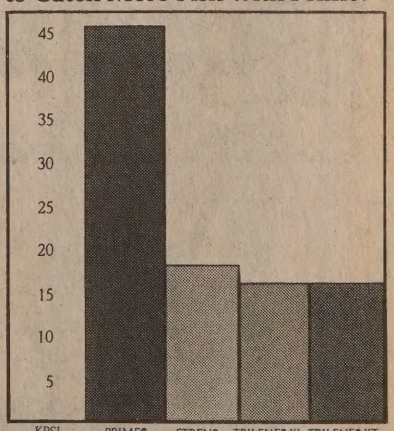

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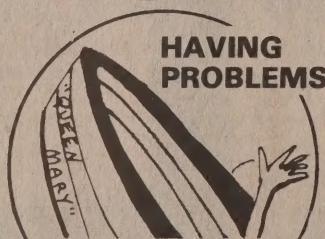

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WALLOP-BREAUX AND GRAMM-RUDMAN-HOLLINGS: THE GOOD NEWS AND THE BAD NEWS

From Sport Fishing Institute

One year ago today, members of the sport fisheries conservation and boating fraternities were locked in the struggle to protect the Wallop-Breaux Fund and its Sport Fish Restoration Program from the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) fiscal year (FY) 1986 budget proposal. This would have had serious adverse impacts on Program effectiveness. This year, Program funding levels appear much more secure, but it is still a case of the good news and the bad news.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) has reported that 4.3 percent (about $5.2 million) has been cut out of the FY 1986 program allocation of $122 million due to the sequestration mechanism of the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Emergency Deficit Reduction Act. The sequestered monies will remain in the Wallop-Breaux Fund and will not be *diverted* to the general Treasury. After six percent of the remaining Wallop-Breaux funds are deducted by the Federal Aid Division of USFWS for administering the Program, the bottom line is that the states will have about $110 million available to use for sport fisheries projects in FY 1986.

Some good news is that the Administration's FY 1987 budget proposal, unveiled in February, maintained full allocation of Wallop-Breaux Funds to the Sport Fish Restoration Program. This means that the struggle precipitated by the FY 1986 budget proposal will almost certainly not be re-enacted this year. Due to a FY 1986 accounting error by the Treasury which underestimated Wallop-Breaux receipts, OMB estimates and budgets about $160 million for the Program in FY 1987. This amount exceeds all predictions for the Wallop-Breaux Fund.

Two noteworthy items are bad news for the Program. First, contained in the Administration's FY 1987 budget proposal is a clause to cut staffing of USFWS Federal Aid Division (administrators of the Sport Fish Restoration Program) by half. This 50 percent reduction of staff would be in the face of a threefold in-

crease (over 1985 levels) of funding and commensurate workload for the Program. SFI contends that this move, if implemented, will have serious adverse impacts on the effectiveness of the Program. Not only would this staff cut result in substantially less oversight of project quality and the states' usage of funds, but also less information available to the public, greater project redundancy, and less documentation of project costs and benefits.

Second, the "hatchet" of Gramm-Rudman-Hollings sequestrations looms large over the FY 1987 and future budgets. If Congress fails to meet budget deficit targets, across the board cuts of up to 13 to 25 percent are likely. Therefore, expenditures of Wallop-Breaux funds could be seriously curtailed through this mechanism. SFI will be urging Congress to meet the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings budget targets to eliminate the sequestration threats.

MONTAUK CAPTAINS ASSOC. ANNUAL CHARITY SHARK TOURNAMENT

The 7th Annual MCA Charity Shark Tournament will be held at Captains Cove Marina, Westlake Drive in Montauk. The tournament is open to all interested boats over 24 inches in length. The dates of the tournament will be July 12th and 13th and the entry fee will be $175. The MCA makes no money on the tournament; all monies are distributed as prizes or to charities on an equal basis.

The prizes are 3, 2, 1 thousand dollars for the first three largest sharks with many valuable donated gifts being allocated in order of the size of the sharks caught.

Annually two $1,000 college scholarships are given to interested students from the Montauk area. These students are selected by the local community as being in need of assistance in furthering their education. The balance of the prize money goes to various national and local charities such as the Cancer Fund, Heart Fund, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Ambulance Corp., etc., and total thousands of dollars annually.

This year's tournament should be especially exciting as it is being sponsored by both Berkley Line and Michelob Beer who are assisting the MCA in making the affair more colorful and worthwhile.

It remains the most exciting and rewarding tournament in Montauk. The MCA invites you to participate. Please call (516) 668-5995 or write Captains Cove Marina, 157 Westlake Drive, RFD #1, Montauk, NY 11954 for applications and rules.

As usual the rules encourage the prevention of a "shark kill" and the tournament is to be judged by Jack Casey of the NMFS who will supply the entries with the needed shark release tags.

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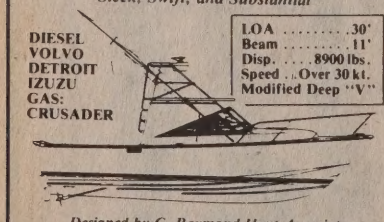

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Dear Dr. Muller:

I'm a surf fisherman who enjoys the sport very much. In fact, I just purchased and received the book called "Surf Fishing With The Experts," but I haven't had a chance to read it yet.

I have spent most of my surf fishing years fishing all over Jones Beach; however, I decided that next year I would try and find a different area for surf fishing, just for a change. I'm sure you know what I mean.

I have been reading many stories and reports in The Long Island Fisherman about other fishermen fishing at Gilgo Beach area for brown sharks, blues, bass, weakfish, etc. Since I am not familiar at all with this area, I was wondering if you can provide me with some information about the area.

For instance I have heard that Gilgo Beach is near the area of Jones Beach, but I'm not sure where. I'm familiar with the Meadowbrook Parkway exit 22 Jones Beach to the Jones Beach toll booth and if we can use this information as a starting point to Gilgo Beach, it will be much easier.

What areas of Gilgo Beach are the most productive for fishing the surf for brown sharks, blues, bass, weakfish, etc.? If you can provide me with a labeled map showing landmarks, type of fishing grounds, types of fish location and any other information which will be most helpful.

I'm sorry if I'm being too demanding for this information; I'm just very excited about next year's surfing action.

I appreciate your time and courtesy. *John Nauin.*

Gilgo Beach is part of the barrier beach that makes up the south shore. It can be reached via the ocean parkway that connects Jones Beach with Robert Moses. Gilgo is just west of Cedar Beach and just east of Tobay Beach. You can't miss it because there are signs on the highway. However, if you plan to use a 4 wheel drive vehicle, be warned that erosion has curtailed use of the beach in recent years. Thus, consult the Town of Babylon and the Long Island State Parks and Recreation Commission for the status of this area's beaches. If you plan to fish via a car, there is a town lot on the north side of the highway, but a town of Babylon sticker is required. That is, use of the parking area is restrict to town residents only. This regulation may be eased for daytime access after Labor Day. If you are looking for new places to fish, especially in the fall, allow me to suggest Robert Moses State Park and Sunken Meadow (Long Island Sound). Consult a map of Suffolk County for roads to both parks. I advise you to secure a Night Fishing Permit before the end of April so that you can use these parks to their fullest. The permit can be obtained at any state park office or at Commission headquarters at Belmont Lake state park during normal business hours. Dr. W.A. Muller.

LOOKING FOR A CLUB IN WESTCHESTER

Gentlemen:

I recently wrote to Matt Ahern requesting whether he knew of the existence of any fishing clubs in Westchester County. Matt wrote back to me that he did not know of any, but suggested that you two gentlemen might have such information.

If you are aware of any such clubs in Westchester, I would be most appreciative if you would kindly let me know who I might contact for further information.

Thank you. *Marc Cohen.*

How about it? Any fishing clubs in the Westchester area looking for an eager angler? Marc can be reached at 109 Lyons Rd., Scarsdale, NY 10583.

LONG ISLAND FISHING REEF DEVELOPMENT

Dear Fred,

I'm writing you in the hope that at least part of this letter be printed in The Fisherman. I have recently written to the President's Commission on Americans Outdoors and Assemblyman Patrick Halpin (Lindenhurst) about making one or more artificial reefs out of the remains of the Pilgrim State Hospital. They both were interested and are researching the viability of my idea.

I also talked with Chet Zwacki who coordinated the construction of the six artificial reefs for the DEC that ring Long Island. He was appreciative of my suggestion, but went on to detail a few obstacles. He is currently trying to get funds for creating and maintaining reefs. Other groups I contacted were the Captree Captains Association and Divers Way who are involved with several diving clubs. They all thought the idea was great.

Some background information you should know is that $750,000 has been budgeted by the state to start demolishing the buildings. I read in Newsday that there is someone up in Albany who thought the buildings should be buried in a pit to be constructed over a period of six years at a cost of several million dollars. The obstacles I mentioned before are first, no docking facilities able to withstand the heavy trucks and deep enough for the barges. Second, the cost of transporting the materials to the location(s) is very expensive. Rub-

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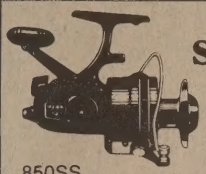

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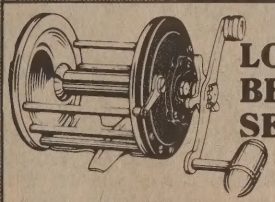

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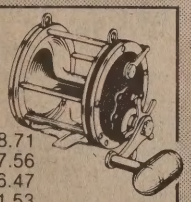

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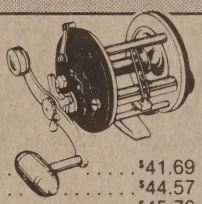

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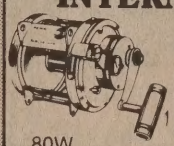

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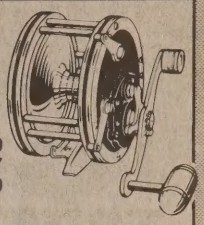

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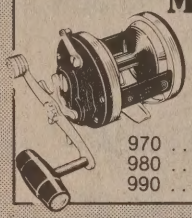

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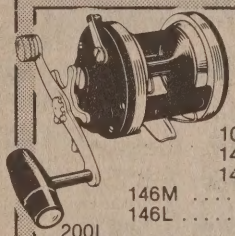

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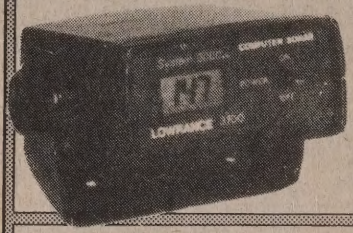

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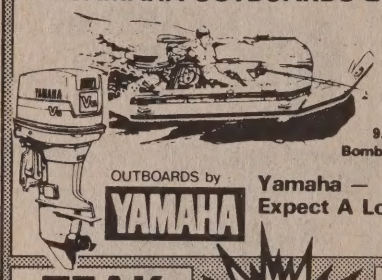

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Some possible solutions would be to have the President's Commission have the Army Corps of Engineers build a dock somewhere on state property, say Captree Boat Basin. Since the hospital is property of the state, let the state pick up the tab for transporting the materials.

Tax break considerations could be given to firms who volunteer services, sort of a barter system. Another group which could prove helpful raising money and/or support would be the scouting organizations.

Possibly the best way to get support would be to print an article asking fishermen to write to their congressmen, senators, county reps, etc., for support.

The benefits of such a project should be obvious to any fisherman or diver. I think the biggest problem facing such a project would be getting the different goverment agencies to work together. This is where those letters to the government officials would be very helpful. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated. Sincerely, *David A. Johnson.*

Dear David,

I can assure you that The Fisherman shares your concern on this issue and that we are already actively involved in pursuing some of your suggestions. I think you will find the accompanying comments, prepared by William Muller and presented to the DEC at a public hearing on April 16, 1986, of interest. Sincerely, Fred Golofaro.

Comments on Edgewood State Hospital Demolition Proposal

Since the abandonment of the Edgewood facility in 1969, the buildings have been the target of considerable vandalism and fire. The fires have been of such magnitude as to threaten homes and forest in the surrounding area. Thus, a genuine danger exists to the community and it appears both prudent and logical that these buildings be demolished.

The Long Island Fisherman supports the demolition of these buildings without delay for the safety of the community. Further, we believe all steps should be taken to minimize any environmental damage that might occur during the demolition, and to safeguard against the potential threat of any hazardous materials that may remain on the grounds these should be removed and disposed by approved methods. We do not suggest a careless and reckless demolition. Rather urge a judicious approach that could satisfy the concerns of even the most conservative environmentalist. Surely, the safety of nearby forest and pine cover must deserve environmental consideration, too.

It appears that logic and community need beg for the demolition of these buildings, yet we must not ignore legitimate concerns. The ques-

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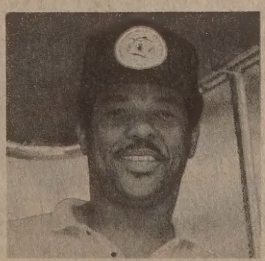

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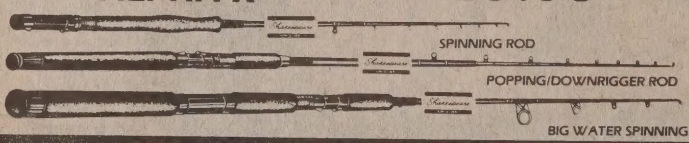

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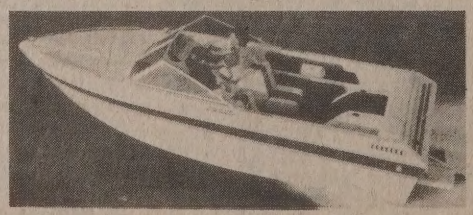

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tion does not appear to be whether or not the facility should be demolished, but rather how the resulting materials might be disposed of. It is to this issue that The Fisherman must voice its sharpest concern.

For the last three years, The Fisherman has ben actively pursuing a fund raising campaign in concert with a number of corporate sponsors and the Long Island State Parks and Recreation Commission. We administer a series of five inshore fishing derbies with the proceeds going towards the Fisherman Sport Fishing Fund. These monies will be used to fund important but otherwise unsupported research, as well as a variety of worthwhile projects that will benefit marine resources, marine habitats, and marine recreational angling. I tell you about the Fund because one such worthwhile project that might be supported by Fund money would be the construction of artificial fishing reefs.

Declines in a number of inshore species have dealt serious blows to recreation-based industries on Long Island such as boat livery stations, party and charter boats, as well as bait and tackle dealers. The equation that connects declining stocks to local industry also connects to decreased job opportunities and a diminished value to the pursuit of leisure fulfillment through marine angling.

With a clear need for artificial reefs and a body of people willing to help get the job done, we urge that the rubble from the demolition of these buildings be made available for artificial reef construction. Not only has the private sector committed to reef construction, so too has the DEC Division of Marine and Coastal Resources. Thus, it would appear at once logical and prudent to use the materials for artificial reef construction.

The Fisherman wishes to thank the DEC for the opportunity to make its opinion known on this issue, and offer our time and energy to the state to make this need become reality.

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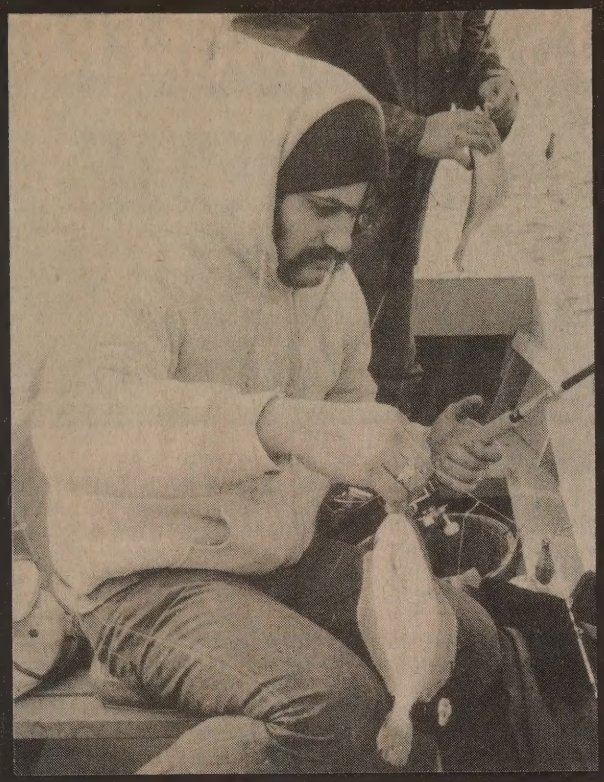

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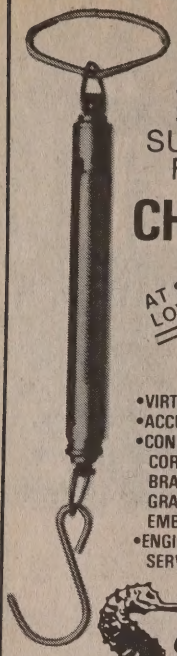

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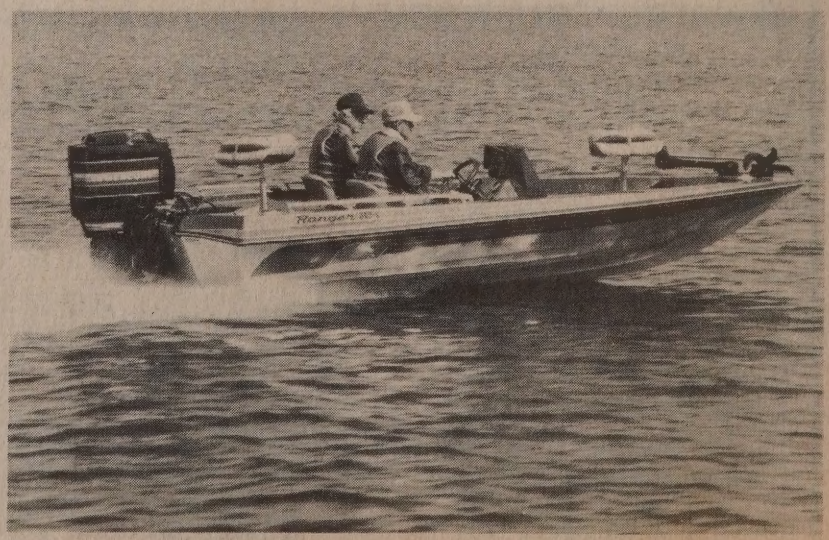

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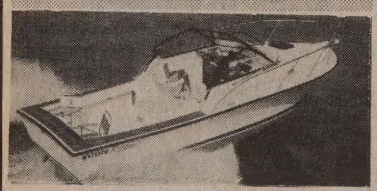

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handler, the "flat-out" capability of the 340 is coupled with an even greater ability to handle rough water. This is not an entry level bass fishing machine and that should be kept in mind if you should ever decide on one.

The features of this model as with other Ranger boats is almost mind boggling. Two aerated livewells with a timer are situated in the stern behind the driver's seats as well as one in the bow. The livewell system is so unique it's even patented. All lids are carpeted and gel coat lined.

The boats comes equipped with twin rack and pinion steering and a competition type steering wheel. The wiring harness is designed inside the gunnel between the bow panel and the rear batteries, are of extra heavy duty gauge wire (Super 12 panel-2 gauge; Super 24 panel-6 gauge wire) in order to deliver all the power to your trolling motor with minimum voltage drop. Master circuit breakers as well as a console equipment breaker switch are conveniently located in the rear storage compartment.

An all new fuse panel has been located right alongside the driver's position to give easy access to all circuit fuses. Extra blank circuits are provided should the need for additional equipment arise. The cover simply snaps off and on to give access to the easy-to-handle ATC fuses.

All seats are padded and fold down out of the way, with the two fishing chairs resting on power adjustable pedestals. The deck is completely carpeted and all compartments come with key locks for added security. Deluxe running lights of the stow-away type enable the angler to place them out of the way while fishing. A built-in 32 gal. fuel tank gives the 340V plenty of range and is designed to give proper weight dispersement.

The console panel comes with fuel gauge, switches, a livewell control center, chart/cigarette lighter, and plenty of room for additional engine instrumentation. On top, only a full size chart recorder could be situated there; other electronics would have to be placed elsewhere.

One other feature we noticed is the front casting platform is now recessed about four inches and not flush with the deck. This is a change we've noticed from a lot of boat builders this year. Equipment on the floor up front won't have the tendency to slide overboard as before. And it gives one sitting in the front a feeling of more security.

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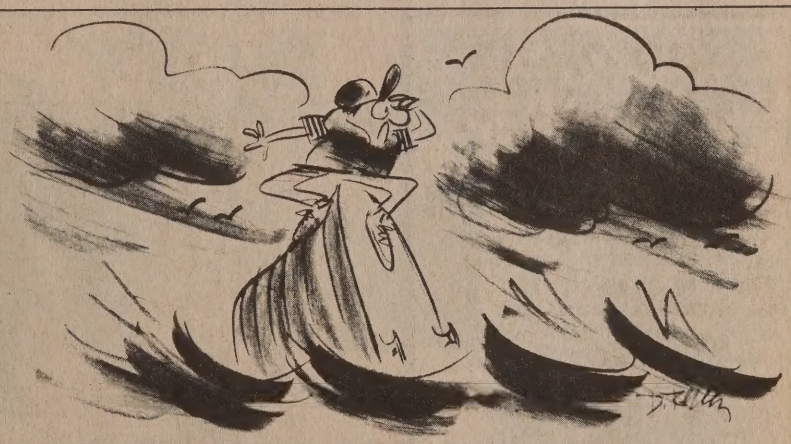

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★ PRODUCT REVIEW ★

PENN 750/850SS SPINNING REELS

by Tim Coleman

Judging from the number of these reels we've seen the last couple seasons along the surf line, we'd say the 750SS is indeed popular. Any Fisherman reader faced with a fishing situation requiring a larger reel might check these out along with several other fine products on the market.

The 750SS from Penn Fishing Tackle in Philadelphia is a good choice for the person seeking a bass to put up on the wall. It holds 250 yards of 20 pound mono and will fit nicely on that new 10 to 11 foot graphite rod you've been thinking about. I suspect the 750 could find a home anywhere from Maine down to the Outer Banks.

The 750SS has a 4.6 to 1 retrieve with a silent anti-reverse feature some friends of mine favor. These fellow cast live eels all night long and they don't like the steady click-click-click. Inside, the reel has a bronze main gear plus stainless pinion gear with three stainless ball bearings. You can convert the 750 to left or right hand retrieve. Both bail and line roller are

These reels are favored by many surfmen for heavy duty beach work.

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also stainless steel. If you give the reel heavy use, try a drop or two of WD-40 or Penn lube on the roller from time to time.

Besides seeing lots of action along the surf from New England to the Outer Banks, this model and the next one up, the 850SS, are used extensively for party boat bottom fishing in Florida. Party boat diamond jiggers who prefer spinning gear also like these big reels. Down there the spinner is king for ground fishing. Because of the larger line capacity, the reels hold enough 30 or 40 pound mono to get the job done on mutton snapper and grouper. Other Florida anglers, including a noticeable number of charter skippers, like the 750 for such hot items as kingfish. For those who've never caught one, kingfish grow to 70 pounds. When stung they react like a missile with fins. We've seen 40 pounders clear two-thirds of a big spinner's spool in a count of 30. With such speed at their disposal, kingfish demand reels with good drags.

Personally, I've always found the drag on the 750 more than adequate, but Penn is always trying to upgrade its products. Recently they've come out with a new washer for this and other models. If anybody would like to change over, consult your dealer. While at the dealer, you might also inquire about the manual pick-up kits for the SS series or possibly a spare reel. On nights when the surf fishing is hot, it's nice to have a spare, should the situation demand it. If you are not in a position to visit a dealer, you can write to Penn at the address at the end of this review.

The reel comes in a black finish with the spool finished in gold. The skirted design of the spool keeps line from fouling underneath, something surf fishermen surely don't want on a dark night with big fish out front. If there's anyone in the audience who still casts from his boat to jetty fronts or breaking surf, the 750 is ideal for slinging plugs or eels. One of my friends, Charley Soares, uses this reel exclusively when he runs his own or a friend's boat over to cast the backside of famous Cuttyhunk Island. Other Fisherman readers from there to Maryland and beyond can undoubtedly find similar uses.

Each reel comes with a one-year limited warranty spelled out on the back of the brochure packaged with each Penn product. If your reel does need servicing, package it up along with a letter outlining the problem. Make sure you ensure the package and print your name and address on the outside. Figure on about two to three weeks before getting the reel back. You'll be charged a reasonable rate for labor, parts and return postage.

We might add one last note: any reader who wants a complete catalog can get one by sending a note and one dollar to: Penn Fishing Tackle, 3028 Hunting Park Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19132.

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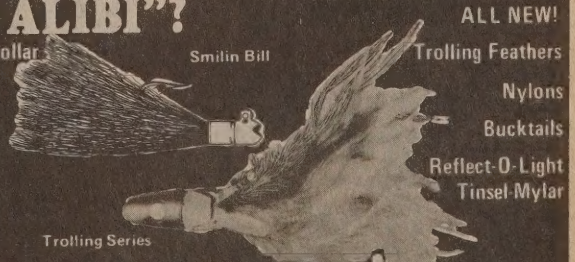

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THE TACKLE DOCTOR

by Russ Wilson

Dear Doc,

My name is William Schneider, Jr. and I would like some help on the subject of Loran C's.

My father and I just recently purchased a 23 foot cuddy cabin with an I/O. The new boat is for more room, safety, comfort and for being able to take us places to fish for the big fish we always read about. We will be going to wrecks, structures, and things such as the BA buoy, etc. We will need a Loran C with all the features we will need. We would like to know if the Si-Tex EZ-7 has all the features we'll need, because this model is affordable for us. Please respond with any information you can give us.

William Schneider, Jr.

Dear William,

I don't see why the EZ-7 won't give you all the features you'll need for the fishing situations you describe. We have not had any negative reports on the unit, so it seems the EZ-7 has met with good response from marine anglers.

Si-Tex stands behind their products 100 percent, in both the service and sales areas. A lot of northeast saltwater fishermen are using these products on a daily basis and the number of complaints is extremely low when you consider the amount of units that are currently in use.

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Dear Doc,

I bought some Nappi rigs for fluke at the sports show on 1/25/86. The package said to enter the contest. What is this fluke contest? What are the prizes? Are there any divisions?

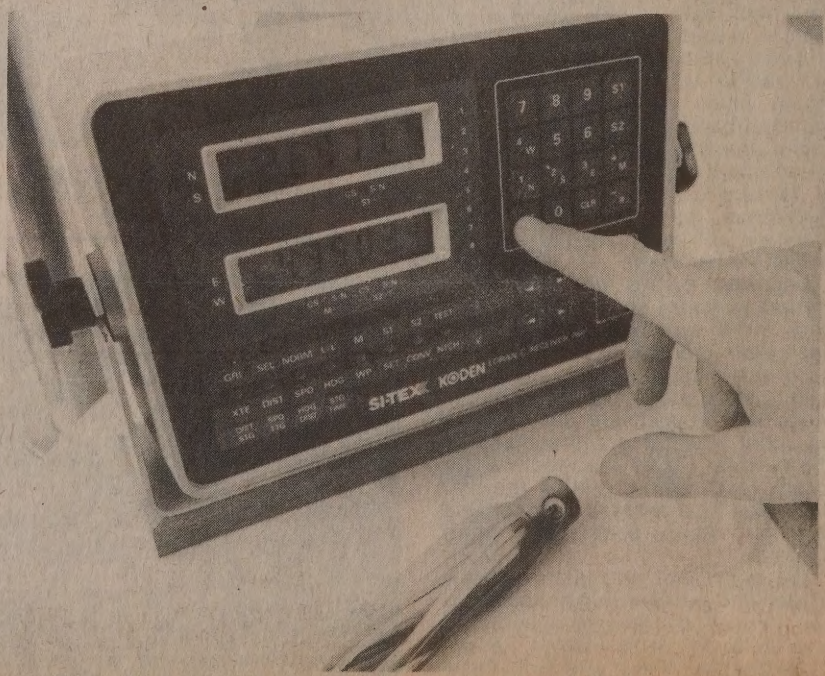
William Miller.

Dear William,

Captain Charles Nappi is a well known, big fluke specialist who presently holds a couple of world records for his outstanding fluke catches on various pound test lines.

Nappi is marketing a line of fishing rigs and has a contest for the largest fish taken on one of his rigs. I suggest you write to him at: c/o Capt. Nappi's, 106 West John Street, Hicksville, NY 11801 and request the necesary information.

For openers, however, how's prizes from Penn Reels, Fenwick, Mustad and Berkley sound? Nappi also lists



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Dear Doc,

On a recent trout fishing trip, I saw a nearby fly caster using some type of fly box that I've never seen before. It resembled a small chest and had several large drawers that were designed to hold flies. Each drawer had small compartments so it was possible to carry hundreds of flies in each drawer.

I'd really like to get one of these since it would allow me to carry a lot of different patterns and to keep them separated by hook size and style. My question is, where can I purchase one of these? *Teddy Bateman.*

Dear Ted,

You are right on target when you say the chest type fly box will carry a lot of different patterns. Several of our fly fishing friends use the chest type fly carriers with excellent results. You can open and close the box while still leaving both hands free to select flies, re-tie or to change from one type of fly to another.

One good source is L.L. Bean, Inc., Freeport, ME 04033. Bean carries the Richardson fly box (Model No. 6509G) which retails for $89. You can order the Richardson by mail from L.L. Bean. I suggest you write to the company and request a copy of their Fly Fishing Specialties 1986 catalog.

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Dear Doc,

Please tell me where I can go frostfishing without the cops running me away in Asbury Park or Deal.

Do I have to have a license to show the police that I can pick up the fish?

They say Red Bank is good too; is it? *William Fisher.*

Dear William,

You won't have many opportunities to go frostfishing until next winter. Those frostfish are actually whiting and the reason you can catch them in the shallows or on the sand is due to their habit of chasing smaller baitfish right onto the beach.

I don't know who told you to try frostfishing at Red Bank, but they are way off base with that tip. Red Bank is not near the ocean. It does front the Navesink River, but to my knowledge there are no whiting inhabiting the Navesink.

Also, I've walked the surf at Deal and Asbury Park for more than 30 years and have yet to be "chased" by a police officer. You might have some trouble finding a parking spot along Ocean Avenue in Deal, but at Asbury Park you can park a car anywhere along Ocean Avenue or on any of the side streets provided you feed the parking meter.

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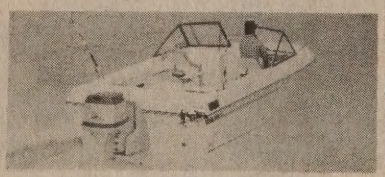

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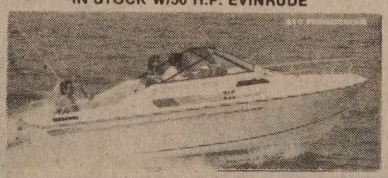

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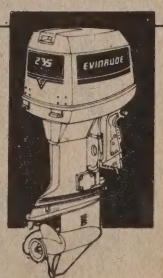

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CAPTREE FLOUNDER DERBY ATTRACTS 718 ANGLERS

by William A. Muller

"This is great," said Chris Nolte of Penn Fishing Tackle. "It's terrific that inshore fishermen can find a way to compete and get some recognition for their skills and contributions to marine angling."

The Fisherman, co-sponsors with Captree-Jones Beach Bait and Tackle, in cooperation with the Long Island State Parks and Recreation Commission is delighted to announce that participation in this derby broke a record with 718 participants. Congratulations to all of you! We are also pleased that hundreds showed up for the awards ceremonies under the tent. The beer flowed along with the laughs and good cheer in equal measure and there was considerable enthusiasm over the quality of the prizes and the raffle awards that numbered thirty-eight!

The door prizes included rod and reel combinations, top quality fillet knives and fillet boards, to mention a few. But you had to be in it to win it!

One participant told me: "You know everybody is a winner in these derbies. You guys had a great idea and this awards ceremony is top drawer. Hey, for five bucks that goes for a good cause, I get a shot at $500. If I don't win that, I still can win a nice raffle, and if I don't win that, I get free beer, a spool of Stren line, and a hell of a good time. How can ya miss?"

We'd like to thank a number of folks in addition to the participants.

Joe Andrea shows plaque and $500 check he received for first place winning flounder of 2 pounds, 11 ounces.

Carl Novak weighs in his winning entry at Captree Bait and Tackle.

All the winners who were at the awards ceremony. Left to right: Carl Novak, 8th place; Robert Heal, 2nd place; Pat Fuchs, 5th place; Jim Sperraza, 3rd place; Phyllis Aggugliaro, 8th place tie; Joe Andrea, 1st place; Ed Tully, 7th place.

The crowd at the awards ceremony mills around the outside of the jammed tent where awards were presented.

Obviously, it's the fishermen who make or break these events, but the folks behind the scenes do a lot to make it a success and enjoyable. Thanks to Mr. John Sheridan, Regional Director, the Long Island State parks and Recreation Commission, and Assistant to the Director Mike Asheroff. From the LISPRC Permits office, Ms. Elaine Felton whose talents, abilities and attention to detail can never be over-appreciated. Without her, there are a lot of things that just wouldn't happen. To Superintendent Neil Ackerson and Howard Leffhalm along with their staff members.

A special thanks to Mr. Bob Sprenger for all of his much needed help, and to a number of Captree party boat captains who worked with us under somewhat restricting conditions to get a number of their fares into the competition. Incidentally, there was at least one winner that we know of off a party boat: Ed Tully on the Captree Queen.

Of course, the corporate contributors provided lots of great tackle and equipment. We wish to express our gratitude to Penn Reels, Daiwa Tackle, Shakespeare Tackle, Jet-Aire (G-96), Superlube, Striker Fishing Tackle, Stren and Prime Fishing Line, and Genesee Brewing Company. Also we appreciate the support from All-Tackle Distributors and Northville Industries who supplied prizes.

All of these fine people and organizations have made a positive contribution to The Fisherman Sport Fishing Fund, which is growing steadily now. We've already begun accepting suggestions for project funding which we hope will take place this year. We'll be telling you more about that in the weeks ahead.

Please don't forget the next two derbies are the Moriches Bay Flounder Derby to be held May 3rd and 4th (consult the ad in this edition for more details), and at the end of June, the Captree Fluke Derby. There will be the same great array of prizes and raffles at these derbies, too.

The results support the idea that anyone can win these derbies and that everyone is a winner by participating. The hats, beer, and free line is worth the $5 entry fee. If you like fishing, why not participate?

Now for the winners. Congratulations to all of you fine fisherpersons out there!

Place	Name	Size
1.	Joe Andrea	2 lb. 11 oz.
2.	Robert Heal	2 lb. 10 oz.
3.	Jim Sperraza	2 lb. 6 oz.
4.	Robert Heal	2 lb. 3 oz.
5.	Pat Fuchs	2 lb. 2 oz.
6.	John Livermore	2 lb. 1 oz.
7.	Ed Tully	1 lb. 15 oz.
8.	John Livermore	1 lb. 14 oz.
	Carl Novak	1 lb. 14 oz.
	Phyllis Aggugliaro	1 lb. 14 oz.
9.	Al Schweizer	1 lb. 13 oz.
	Walter Watkins	1 lb. 13 oz.
10.	John Hoing	1 lb. 12 oz.

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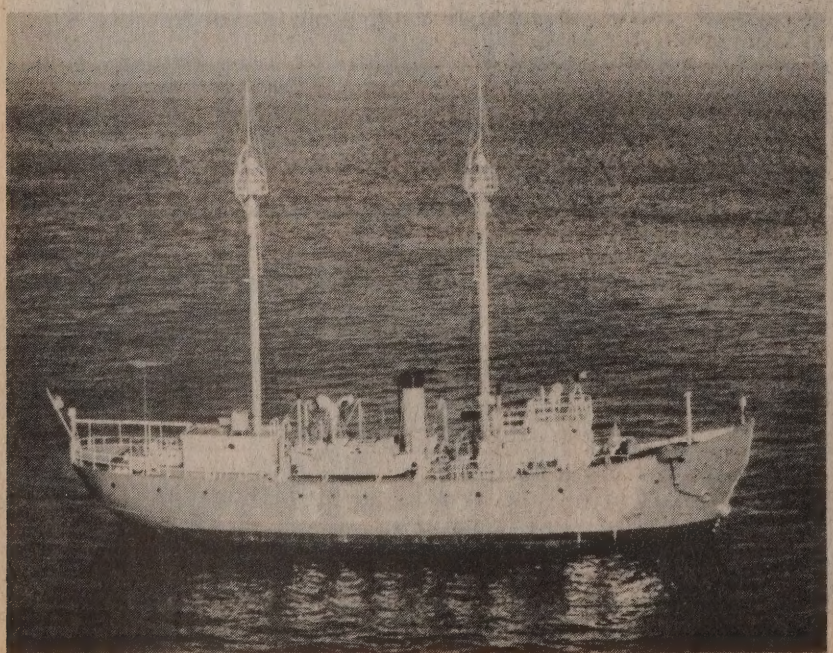
ATLANTIC WRECK SERIES:
LIGHTSHIP WAL-505

by John Raguso

A dense fog had slowly enveloped the New York Bight during the early morning of June 24, 1960, shrouding the busy sea lanes with an impenetrable blanket, broken only by brief pockets of limited visibility. The fog, caused by the movement of a hot, moist air mass from the Gulf of Mexico over the cooler water of the lower bay, made for hazardous traveling not only for shipping circles, but shut down the local airports as well.

Thomas Janoski, USCG radarman 3rd class, on duty at the Sandy Hook Lifeboat Station, was making his 5AM radar observation as was his hourly custom during periods of poor visibility. His 4AM reading had placed the Ambrose Lightship at a distance of 8.6 to 8.8 miles at a bearing of 97 to 99 from the station. He glanced at the radar unit in disbelief as the screen now showed a negative contact at Ambrose Station, but revealed Scotland Lightship, the other Bight vessel on station at the New York harbor entrance, about five miles southwest of Ambrose. Since the radar had positively identified Scotland Lightship at its appropriate post, a malfunction was out of the question, but the Ambrose Lightship had completely vanished from the screen! A few hours earlier, the Green Bay, a C-2 cargo vessel owned by the Central Gulf Steamship Corporation, had cleared Port Newark. She was loaded with a general cargo for East Africa, Arabia and Indian and now was making way for the outbound shipping lane, surrounded by the soupy darkness, anticipating that the impending daybreak would burn off the blinding mist.

A few miles to seaward, the WAL-505 was performing its lonely sentinel duties, flashing its lightship beacons in the heavy murk and blowing its powerful air foghorn at prescribed intervals. Ironically, this vessel was not the renowned Ambrose Lightship, but a substitute relief ship. The genuine article, the WAL-613, had left its station a few weeks earlier to report to St. George, Staten Island for her routine yearly overhaul and maintenance. She was not scheduled to return until July of that year, so the crew of the WAL-505 had planned on remaining an additional few weeks at the Ambrose location. Unknown to the crew of the Coast Guard relief lightship, the nose of the freighter plowed inexorably towards their position for an unscheduled rendezvous that would change their plans. Bobby Pierce, a 22-year-old Boatswain's Mate 3rd class from Franklin, Virginia, was on duty alone in the pilot house of the lightship that morning. He was alerted by a sudden movement to starboard and saw the shadow and lights of the 10,270 ton Green Bay looming overhead. He hastened to sound the general alarm and braced for the inevitable crunching impact. It came at 4:05AM.



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And so goes the saga of the sinking of the USCG Relief Lightship WAL-505. Due to the general quarter alarm's advanced warning and thanks to their disciplined training, all hands responded quickly and no one was injured. The nine members of the lightship's crew were able to abandon ship safely and paddled away in a rubber life raft, being picked up an hour later by rescue craft.

The red-hulled, white lettered WAL-505, deeply gashed amidships on the starboard side, sank within 10 minutes of impact at her station. he huge cargo ship that rammed the Coast Guard vessel was undamaged and barely suffered a scratch. After the collision, the Green Bay backed off and then anchored to assist in the rescue operations. She was allowed to continue on her journey later that day after her captain, Thomas Mazzella of New Orleans, made an official report to Coast Guard investigators.

After groping in the fog for about an hour or so, a small boat from the freighter located and came alongside the raft with the lightship's crew. They were later transferred to a 95 foot Coast Guard patrol vessel and taken to St. George, Staten Island for debriefing.

The skipper of the USCG lightship, Chief Boatswain's Mate Joseph Tamalonis, gave this account of the event, published in a New York Times article:

"...The beacons, radio and foghorn had been working normally. The fixed candlepower on the WAL-505 cannot match that on the Ambrose, which can be stepped up. But her radio signal was identical and her foghorn throbbed out its warnings at the same intervals.

"I had gotten out of the sack shortly before the crash. I estimate that barely 10 minutes had elapsed between the alarm and the time I climbed down into the raft. The men got off one at a time," the 27-year-

old skipper continued. "It was good discipline. We watched her go down.

"I was afraid the suck, the undertow, would take us. So I told the men to paddle with their hands. After awhile, we could use the oars." It was explained later that the four raft paddles are fastened down to avoid their being washed away during emergency launching. The skipper's idea was to "get away quick," without taking the precious time to unfasten them.

"One time," Mr. Tamalonis continued, "we heard a ship very close by and the fog was pretty thick. I shot off a lot of flares. I guess there were about 30 altogether."

During the course of the Coast Guard investigation into the accident, other crew members were called upon to testify and give their versions of the WAL-505's last minutes of active duty. One of the crewmen questioned was Edward J. Rothaugh, Engineman 3rd class, who had come on watch at 4AM, just minutes before the collision. He had been called on deck from the engine room by Bobby Pierce, Boatswain's Mate 3rd class, who was on deck watch. It seems Mr. Pierce had summoned Mr. Rothaugh to act as assistant lookout after he had seen a black outline and a white light emerge from the dense fog, less than 100 feet from the lightship.

According to Mr. Pierce, "...the freighter, hit the lightship on the right side just behind the midsection at a right angle. The impact created a 15 degree roll. Water poured into the lightship's engine room and adjoining compressor room through a watertight door that had been left open, contrary to standing orders."

Mr. Rothaugh testified that the door had been left open to allow easier access for engine room personnel to check the compressor room on their normal rounds. This statement was verified by Eugene R. Murray, Engineman 1st class, who claimed that he had never kept the door between the two compartments tightly closed. He also went on to say that during his five months of duty on the WAL-505, the commanding officer had never been aware of this.

Whether nor not a secured watertight door would have prevented the Relief Lightship's ultimate demise is a moot issue. However, Joseph Tamalonis, Chief Boatswain's Mate and acting officer in charge of the vessel stated that his ship had been struck at the bulkhead between the engine and compressor rooms, and that impact could have bent the bulkhead out of line. He described the lightship's final minutes before she plunged into 16 fathoms of water, saying: "...she sank stern first, kicked up her nose and went straight down, about 10 to 12 minutes after the initial impact."

Navy divers were sent to the scene the next day to investigate the size and location of the hole which caused the WAL-505 to founder. Diver Richard Barnum told the board of investigation that he observed a 12 foot long gash in the starboard side, ranging from a two foot width at the ship's second deck to about five inches across below the first deck. He concluded that the puncture appeared too large to have permitted her crew to have kept her afloat through pumping or through patching with available materials.

The last witness to testify at the hearing was Commander John Latimer, Chief of the naval engineering section of the Third Coast Guard District. He told the three-man board of investigation that he would have been "very pleasantly surprised" if the nine man crew had been able to keep the ship afloat. He also went on to say that it was extremely doubtful that the lightship's pumps could have coped with the cascade of sea water rushing into the vessel via the 12 foot gash in her starboard side.

Even though the original Ambrose Lightship (WAL-613) was in for repairs on the day the Relief Lightship met her untimely fate, she cleared the St. George dock at 4PM the same day and resumed her vigil at the Ambrose Station a few weeks ahead of schedule, near a buoy which marked the water gravesite of the WAL-505.

The Relief Lightship's position near the 15 fathom curve makes it an inviting stopover point both for local species and many of the pelagic gamesters that frequent our waters during the summer and fal months.

Many a bragging sized blackfish and sea bass have been taken from the shadows of the WAL-505, in addition to hake, whiting, and cod, among other groundfish. Schools of voracious blues are also known to patrol this area near the current Ambrose Tower, as well as packs of nomadic bonito and false albacore. You might also find a stray white, mako or brown shark cruising the general vicinity, checking out the "high ground" for a quick bite to eat before returning to the depths of the nearby Mud Hole West.

Many divers I've talked to from the Atlantic Wreck Divers Club say that the Relief Lightship is alive with sea life, including some decent sized lobsters. According to their reports, the wreck is situated with her bow facing south and her stern sitting north. The two light masts have been snapped-off by wiring drags in an effort to reduce the navigational hazard near the wreck, and they lie off to the side in the sand. The lanterns that used to sit on top of these masts, blinking out their steady warning to inbound and outbound shipping, became souvenirs many moons ago.

Next week we're going to investigate the plight of a turn-of-the-century British steamship that ran aground on a sand bar just to the east of Fire Island Inlet back in December of 1904. Her name is the Drumelzier.

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Vital Statistics

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Year Built: 1904
Length: 129 feet
Beam: 29 feet
Displacement: Approximately 560 tons
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Depth over Wreck: 66 feet
Attitude of Wreck: Hull intact; stern faces north, bow faces south
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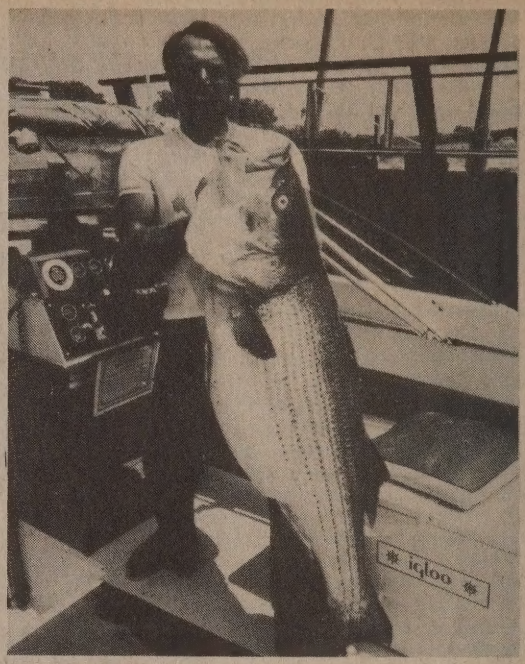

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"HOLY MACKEREL"

by Einar "Doc" Grell

If there is one type of fishing that eliminates all the pent-up cabin fever of a long winter, it has to be catching mackerel. Sure, catching flounder is great fun, but there is something about catching these small silver bullets that defies description. Maybe the catching of these fish is so dependable that there is a minimum of fishing frustration. There is no need for deferred gratification. Patience, for the most part, does not have to be developed and the techniques for catching them are simple at best. Everyone can participate. Mackerel fishing is pure delight for youngsters, especially if it is their first fishing adventure. Kids want to catch fish. There is nothing more frustrating to the younger set than to spend all day on the water without catching one fish or at best only a couple of fish. Many adult fishermen also fall in to this classification. They do not catch fish when they want to. With a minimum of skill, everyone fishing for mackerel should catch mackerel. For those who eat them, this type of fishing can fill a freezer with fillets for the season with one trip. For the big game fishermen who will continue their fishing pleasures later on in the season for such species as sharks, it is time to stock up on bait; to be frozen for future use.

For light tackle fishermen, it is the time to sharpen their skills. The nicest part of catching mackerel is that you do not have to travel far offshore to catch them. For the most part, these fish can be taken in depths of 40 to 90 feet of water. In the Fire Island Inlet area, literally thousands of these fish can be caught off the Whistler Buoy which is 2½ miles off the beach. In my 30 years of fishing off Long Isand I have never had to go more than 7 miles to catch them in the spring. Many times I have caught them by the barrelful within two miles of the beach. In a nut shell, mackerel fishing is loads of fun and great sport for fishermen of all ages. If you miss them on the south shore, you have a second chance to catch them in Long Island Sound.

Before beginning to fish for them you should decide whether you want to catch them one at a time or three, four and five at a time. If you desire to fill up your freezer for whatever the reason, you should make up a mackerel tree or purchase one. The mackerel tree consists of 3 or 4, 2/0 tubed hooks attached by dropper loops to the main line. Each loop is fed through the eye of the hook and then over the hook. Employ 20 to 30 lb. test monofilament on your conventional reel and do not use snaps and snap swivels anywhere on your mackerel rig. A conventional 5 to 7 ft. bay rod is perfect for mackerel fishing, the lighter the better if you want more fun. The end of your line will be anchored with a 2 to 3 ounce diamond jig which will sink your rig to the desired depths. On a flat ocean with minimum heave you usually can sink your mackerel tree with two ounces. With a running current, you might have to go 4 or 5 ounces. If you purchase mackerel trees, you will note that they are skirted with small pieces of colored vinyl, rubber or feathers which come in many colors. I have always had great luck with red or pink skirts on these small 2/0 hooks and have even caught mackerel on bare hooks or hooks skirted with candy Mason Dots. The truth of the matter is that the entire operation focuses around and upon the jig and hooks which are jigged up and down in the area where the mackerel are found. It is the jig which attracts the mackerel to the "tree." Do not place any shiny snaps or swivels in your

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tree. They will eventually be chewed off or abraided by the mack's tiny teeth.

If you are going to employ spinning tackle, light line and a single diamond jig, do so, on your own boat. On a party boat you will cause terrible tangles with your fishing buddies. You will be cursed for your efforts.

When I go the sporty route, I use 6 lb. test spooled onto a Daiwa 2500C spin reel which is mounted on a Berkley 7 foot 4 ounce spinning rod. There are many brands and makes for light tackle spinning. Consult your local tackle dealer or check your fishing arsenal.

Now that you have made the tackle choice, you need to find the level at which the fish are located. If the fish are 10 feet below your boat, that is where you should be fishing—not at the bottom in 80 feet of water. It is this one fact which separates those fishermen who load up as opposed to those who catch very few. Here is the procedure which I follow and it is successful. I drop my rig into the water and free spool the reel to a depth of 10 feet, keeping my thumb as a brake on the spool if it is a conventional reel. I lower my rod to almost the water surface and make a rather jerky upward swing of my rod. If fish are at this location my line goes limp and it will appear that I have lost my rig. Odds are a mackerel has taken either the diamond jig or a skirted hook. If I am using a mackerel tree, I immediately mark my line with a red waxed pencil. This mark tells me at the exact level at which the fish are located. One of my friends prefers a Magic Marker (waterproof). Once the line is marked, the rig is retrieved with usually more than one fish being caught. Do not use nets since they only add to the mess and slow you down. This procedure is repeated until the fish move away or to another level. Sounds simple, doesn't it? Most fishermen who catch a barrel in an hour use such a procedure. These guys know exactly where the fish are located and where their lures are located. If the fish are in 70 foot depths and you are jigging in 10 foot depths, you will soon see the futility of your efforts. At any rate, if fish are not found at shallower depths, I free spool to a lower level and repeat the jigging procedure at that depth. Dip the rod and swing it in a jerking movement, making the jig and tree do a little dance. If there is no response, I free spool at two second intervals all the way to the bottom. I like to work my way down in jigging. Some of my friends go directly to the bottom, jig there for a minute and work their way to the top. When fish strike, they mark their line, drop back the jig and proceed to the surface.

You do not have to be too violent in your sweeping and jigging motion. Too violent a jigging motion will often cause the jig to foul your rig or line. Marking your line and the correct jigging motion is most important for the simple reason that you will find

days when mackerel are rather spooky. You will slaughter them for an hour and they will be gone. There is no time to guess at which level you think they are at, or to play around with tangles. Your objective is to get them while the getting is good. It is these little tricks that separate those who catch from those who simply "fish."

There are days when mackerel are scarce and when you find them you will have to hold them with bunker chum. This is nothing more than chopped up menhaden (an oily fish) which you purchase frozen. Obviously, you will have to make soup out of this frozen mass. There are two ways you can go. You can hand ladle the chum out of your boat with a big soup ladle or you can take your can of frozen chum and place it in a larger can or plastic bucket which is drilled with holes. If you're lazy, you will sink this bucket of frozen goodies just below the surface from your stern or from a cleat at midships. If you desire to hand spool, I would recommend that you place a piece of old canvas beneath the chum can from the cleat on the outside of the boat and do your spooning into the ocean from that location. It makes for a much cleaner boat. The only problem with hand spooning is the question of "Who does the spooning out when the fish begin to strike?" Oftentimes it is very important to maintain a chum line when everyone wants to fish and no one wants to chum. Whether you purchase chum or not depends upon how wild the mackerel reports have been. To be safe I would suggest that you purchase at least one 5 gallon tin from your bait dealer. When chumming outside the boat, you will periodically have to shake the chum can and make sure that the holes in the can do not get clogged. There will also be days when mackerel love fresh bait. Don't hesitate to cut up freshly caught mackerel in to small pieces and place them on your hooks.

Mackerel spook quite easily. When a large school is located or indicated by birds or fish breaking water, do not roar into the school at full throttle. On the contrary, approach upwind or upcurrent, cut your engine and drift into them. Put out your chum can if you are insecure and prepare for action.

To anchor or not to anchor is always a question. If it's a flat ocean with little wind it is probably wiser to undertake the slow drift with your chum can in the water as the magnet for catching fish. If you have strong winds and good current running, you obviously cannot drift and chum. You will have to anchor up. Conditions will determine what you do.

Mackerel fishing is fun and mackerel are delicious to eat if you don't mind oily fish. If you do not like oily fish, use them for catching other species of fish such as big bluefish later on in the season. By no means should you allow them to rot in your fish barrel. That is blasphemy of the worst order.

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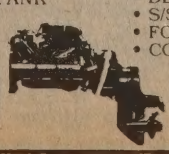

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TERMINAL ILLS

by Matt Ahern

The most expensive part of a fisherman's tackle is his rod and reel, and the least expensive is his terminal gear. This being so, the average bottom fisherman seldom gives a second thought to this important part of his equipment.

Many fishermen never realize that while they may spend a goodly portion of a week's pay on a rod and reel, it is the ten cent hook at the end of that rod and reel which determines if they will be successful in capturing the largest fish hooked to date. All efforts come to naught if a dream fish escapes from a carelessly selected hook—or a carelessly tied knot. Then and only then do these fishermen realize there is more to terminal tackle than meets the eye, and that these items are deserving of more than a mere passing thought.

To really understand how important any part of your terminal tackle can be, watch the expert fisherman when he selects his rigging. Don't hesitate to inquire why he does this, and why he does that. Truly dedicated fishermen will cheerfully share their knowledge; knowledge which may have taken years to accumulate. These are the fellows who know that without the correct hook, sinker, or swivel, to say nothing of a running knowledge of simple knots, their chances of consistently taking any amount of fish are greatly reduced. That old saw which boldly states that ten percent of the fishermen catch ninety percent of the fish isn't said in jest—it is one of the fishing facts of life. Any fisherman who desires to join that select ten percent can do nothing better than study the whys and wherefores of terminal tackle.

You may be certain experienced fishermen know the correct size and type of hook to use for the fish they seek. It is the major difference between such hooks as Sproat, Limerick, Kirby, Carlisle, and Chestertown—and what that difference is—which distinguish the expert angler from those who have eyes, but see not. From previous experience, these seasoned anglers know sharp-toothed fish such as blues cannot bite through the long shank of a Kirby hook, so when a-bluefishing they go, they rig accordingly. These fishermen also pay tribute to all members of the bluefish clan, for when they go snappering, they choose a long-shanked Bridgeport hook, thereby saving themselves the replacement of frayed snells.

About the only exception to this rule would be the flounder. While our flat friend has soft toothless jaws, it does have the annoying habit of swallowing bait and hook deeply and with utter disregard of the ensuing headache given its captor by so doing—especially so if the day is cold! Therefore, flounder fishermen use long-shank Chestertown hooks. (Personally, I don't use these hooks, but instead substitute #6 Sproats (for over 50 years). But as this article deals with generalities, we will leave the finesse to future dealing with Freddy Flounder.

One thing you can be certain of: experienced bottom fishermen never select hooks without careful thought. They will shy from those not suited as if they carried the Plague.

"You may well be on your way to becoming an expert fisherman if you give more than a passing thought to your terminal tackle."

Following is a quick rundown on fishhook sizes. I know you will find these satisfactory simply because I've been using them for over 60 years (all except the Chestertown) and I have no complaint. They do their job and they do it well.

Flounder: Chestertown #9 or 10.

Fluke: Carlisle 2/0 to 5/0. These are long-shanked. I favor a 4/0 Sproat over these, but because they are regular shanked and may present difficulty in removal, I list these in the "finesse" group, of which more in future articles.

Blackfish: Virginia #5 or #6 for inshore; #5 for offshore; #2 or #3 for bulldogs in specialized areas.

Cod: Sproat 5/0 to 6/0. Beak or Claw type 6/0 do well.

Ling: Sproat 3/0 or 4/0.

Whiting: Ditto. A Carlisle in ling sizes also works well. These fish have sharp teeth.

Porgy: A #6 Sproat or #8 Virginia for inshore porgies. For larger sea porgies in bay areas or offshore, a #1 Sproat, or #5 or #6 Virginia is called for. A 2/0 Sproat is best for those truly large sea porgies.

Sea Bass: A 4/0 Sproat will take all sizes of these large-mouthed fish.

As important as hooks are, they aren't the only components of terminal tackle. Sinker knowledge is very useful. Their selection isn't just a case of any type will do. Each sinker, just as every fishhook, is designed to do a particular job. For example: experienced surf fishermen, fishing bottom, use only a pyramid sinker of correct weight. They know that should a bank sinker or other cylindrical type be used, it will roll along the bottom because of wave and tidal action, which in turn does not allow full control of the rig. Therefore, surf fishermen knowingly select that pyramid sinker because its flattened triangular shape will dig into the sandy bottom and anchor the rig securely. But should that pyramid sinker be used over obstructed bottom its purpose is defeated because it will immediately snag. This is why bank sinkers, being rounded, are used over wrecks and rock-littered bottom. Their shape enables them to slide through and over many obstructions, therefore making the fisherman's day a bit brighter.

Now we come to swivels.

The primary purpose of a swivel is to prevent line twist when trolling; but fishermen often use them as a stop when bottom fishing with a sliding sinker. Fishermen also use three-way swivels when making up rigs: the lower ring for attaching sinkers, the middle one for the snelled hook, and the top ring for main line attachment. Snap swivels facilitate the changing of lures; they are a great boon when night fishing. However, and again I caution, remember the cardinal rule of bottom fishing: the less hardware, the better. Use the smallest swivel possible for the fishing you intend doing. Big fish tend to be spooky; they lack the sangfroid of their younger brethren.

And for goodness sake, now that mackerel fishing is upon us, don't use any swivel for attaching a diamond jig to your main line. Mackerel strike anything that glints, which may mean plenty of action for you, but few mackerel. Some fellows paint their swivels black, but don't waste your time. Instead learn to use the correct knots for whatever fishing you intend doing.

This brings us to the fact that every fisherman should have some knowledge of knots. It isn't required that we fellows should enjoy the vast

repertoire of a deep-water sailor, but smart fishermen lacking skill in this ancient art should spend a few minutes in their local library.

For bottom fishermen, knowing how to tie the Barrel Knot used in hook snelling is indispensable, as is the knowledge required to tie the Improved Clinch Knot for tying lures to line, etc.

Most literature on knot tying does not give the method of tying the Perfection Loop, which is necessary if you wish to avoid a sloppy-looking job when finishing off your snelled hook. Here's how to do it.

To make a Perfection Loop make a right to left, backhanded twist in the snelling material after the hook is snelled so that you have a one inch loop. Take the running end of the material and pass it completely around the front of the loop. Go around once more. Then place the running end between the loop and first turn. Hold firmly and bring the loop closest to you through the first loop and draw up tightly. Cut off the remaining quarter inch or so close to the knot. A word of caution. That short end should jut out at a 90 degree angle. If it doesn't, you've done something wrong—it won't work. Which means you haven't been paying attention. Which also makes old Matt wonder how you expect to tie fish-catching knots if you continue to peer out the window and watch every pretty girl passing by. Ah! Youth long gone—nevermore to return.

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If you would like a copy of Mustad's "Guide to the Selection of Saltwater Bait Hooks" (which shows in actual size most of the hooks mentioned earlier), send me that stamped, self-addressed envelope. If you want both, add an **extra** stamp. I'll keep sending these until the supply is exhausted. So, don't delay. They're free, of course—no obligation whatsoever.

Well, anyway, what you have read about terminal tackle is only a smidgeon of knowledge experienced fishermen possess, most of it obtained through trial and error.

You may well be on your way to becoming an expert fisherman if you give more than a passing thought to your terminal tackle. I guess you might call it the means to an end.

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D.E.C. FISHING DIARY PROGRAM

by Tom Schlichter

Since 1978, one of the chief methods which the Department of Environmental Conservation has used to monitor largemouth bass populations in the Peconic River system, Lake Ronkonkoma and Fort Pond in Montauk, has been angler diaries. Any person who has faithfully read The Fisherman for more than a year or two has no doubt come across an article or two on the importance of record keeping and I know for sure that quite a few local freshwater anglers have been keeping diaries for years. If you are one of the many anglers who keeps a log of daily catches, if you are planning to start this season, you might consider getting involved in this program.

Author with a nice bass taken from Lake Ronkonkoma. The program was a factor in management decisions concerning this popular body of water.

Basically, participating in this progam involves recording the times you fish each trip and the length and numbers of game fish you catch each day while working the three sections for which the DEC keeps records. The type of lure or bait used and whether catches are made from boat or shore are also noted. It takes but a few minutes to make the proper entries and the information gained helps the DEC to monitor and regulate the populations of bass in these waters.

In return for the information passed on to the DEC, anglers receive a complete breakdown of the total for all cooperators in the form of reports by region which they can use to help in their own fishing. These reports, which are compiled by DEC staff through the winter months, allow participants to compare their own fishing success with the success of other anglers involved in the program, provide valuable insight as to which waters were most productive in both terms of average fish size and numbers caught, and give a breakdown on how many fish were taken per angler hour of fishing on each body of water. Additionally, participating in the program gives anglers the satisfaction of knowing their work will help with fisheries management of all three regions.

Charlie Guthrie, Regional Fisheries Manager for the DEC, notes that since the DEC presently uses only that information which pertains to Lake Ronkonkoma, the Peconic River System and Fort Pond in Montauk, anglers who spend a lot of time on these waters are prime candidates as their records will be the most valuable. These are also the people who will benefit most from the DEC reports and management. Of course, anglers who fish these waters only occasionally are also welcome.

The Anglers Cooperator Program has been instrumental in providing the background necessary for DEC officials to make several fisheries management decisions in recent years. One decision which many anglers are no doubt familiar with is a change in the protective size limit on bass taken in Lake Ronkonkoma.

Through the angler diaries and other information gathering methods such as electro-shock studies, the DEC determined a few seasons back that Lake Ronkonkoma was overrun with small bass. Thus, a new protective size limit which allowed anglers to keep any bass under 11 inches or over 15 inches in length was established. Fish that fell in-between these parameters had to be returned. These size limitations have proved very successful in helping to thin out the smaller bass to an acceptable number so that the bass population in the big lake has begun to return to

normal levels. Anyone who fished this lake back in the late 1970s will remember how many small bass one had to wade through to find a keeper and it was easy to see that the number of small fish to large ones (Proportional Stock Density) in the lake was way out of line. Today, anglers working this body of water have about a one in three chance of each fish taken being larger than 15 inches—a ratio no basser can complain about. The future for Lake Ronkonkoma seems to be pretty bright, too, as cooperator results show that solid year classes have been produced for the past four years.

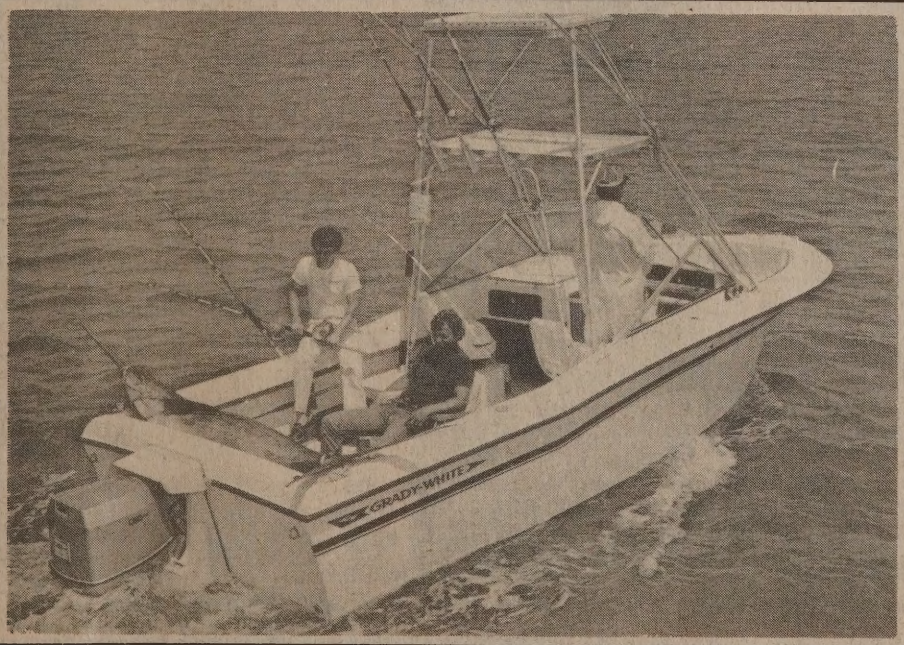
To ensure that the information obtained through the program is consistent from angler to angler and year to year, all who participate must attend a class on record keeping given by the DEC. According to Charles Guthrie, this session provides anglers the opportunity to ask any questions they may have about the program and its goals as well as defines the exact procedure for making log entries so that the DEC can use the information most efficiently. All participants are given a DEC diary book in which to log their information and a measuring board to use when determining the length of each fish.

Last season's entries, showed the fishing in Peconic River and Lake Ronkonkoma to be fairly consistent. A drop in productivity was noted, however, in the results turned in by anglers working Fort Pond in Montauk. Thus, the DEC is especially interested in working with anglers who fish this last body of water. Only 15 anglers reported fishing this area last year and many more are needed to gather the information necessary to monitor this lake. So if you fish Fort Pond with any regularity, your records could prove a big help in maintaining or improving your scores.

Training sessions for interested anglers are presently scheduled for Tuesday, May 6th and Wednesday, May 7th at the DEC Regional Office in Stony Brook. Interested anglers should contact Charles Guthrie at his office by mail at N.Y.S. Department of Environmental Conservation, Building 40, SUNY Stony Brook, NY 11794 or by telephone at (516) 751-7900, Ext. 213. If you cannot attend the scheduled sessions, it might still be possible to set up a training session, so give a call even if you can't make either date.

The information that you enter in your diary is yours to keep; however, the DEC "borrows" back each diary for about six months at the close of the season to record all the information in their computer. Once this is done, the diaries are returned. Since it is your diary, you can record whatever information you would like on any body of water in addition to the information pertinent to the survey. The report you receive from the DEC however will only be in relation to the three areas studied as a lack of manpower restricts compiling any other information.

I see two major shortcomings with the Angler Cooperator Program as it now stands, but both could be corrected easily through a larger number of cooperators. First, not enough anglers participate in each region to ensure that the information taken from the diaries is always accurate. Secondly, I feel that in general, anglers who keep diaries are usually the more experienced and better fishermen. This probably "taints" the information gathered in two ways: experienced anglers are likely to catch more fish than inexperienced anglers and they are also more likely to catch bigger fish over the course of a season Having a larger number of participants in the program might provide a more representative sample of the "average" fishermen's results and would certainly generate more data. This would help to alleviate both problems. Unfortunately, there is not too much the DEC can do to provide a larger turnout. That chore is up to Long Island's freshwater enthusiasts. So if you fish these waters with any degree of consistency, "get with the program." Keeping a diary will help improve your own fishing scores, help the DEC make intelligent, informed decisions on fisheries management and, ultimately improve the fishing in your own back yard.



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PARTY BOAT SNOWSHOES

by Gerald Hahn

I used to celebrate spring with two fishing buddies in a rental skiff on one of Long Island's South Shore bays. Some seasons the flounder lined the bay like shore-to-shore carpeting. You could anchor your boat any place and be on top of them. One day we caught 70 flatfish without even trying. We had no chum, and after several hours of catching fish, we ran out of bait. At that point, mayhem broke loose on the rowboat as we overturned tackle boxes, rods and the cooler in a frantic search for scraps of bloodworms. The scraps we found were so mangled, they barely covered the bend of the hook, yet we managed to catch a dozen more fish with them. That day the flounder were so hungry, they hit on both tides and we left them biting.

Although this kind of fishing is certainly productive, I became tired of it. Surely there must be some quality flounder fishing in the spring, the kind of flounder that put a decent bend in a rod, the kind that, when filleted, fill a platter. Eventually, I found them on the East End, around Gardiner's Island and Napeague. In those days, you could rent a skiff out of Three Mile Harbor or Promised Land, and spend the day catching snowshoe flounder. Unfortunately, the fishing stations closed and today, private boatmen enjoy the edge in this exciting fishing.

Well, not exactly. There are party boats from Sag Harbor, Greenport and even Montauk, working Gardiner's Bay for outsized flounder. The largest fish are found on the east side of Gardiner's Island, around the north side rips, Eastern Plain Point and Tobaccolot Bay, and south of the island between the Devon Yacht Club and Napeague. When the wind kicks up, however, the boats head for calmer spots in the Peconics, such as Rose's Grove and Nassau Point and along Shelter Island Sound, where the fish are somewhat smaller though still larger than those taken in most places. Indeed, many party boat fishermen here release flounder under a pound.

As with many bottom fish, such as cod and tautog, the largest flounder swim alone or in small groups and they do not hang around all day. The typical angler, therefore, catches a bag of mixed sized fish—several snowshoes weighing 2 to 3 lbs. and smaller ones around 1¼ to 1½ lbs. The snowshoes, as you can see, are as large as bay fluke. The only difference is, they fight harder.

This big flattie is typical of the quality found at Gardiner's.

Surprisingly, fishing for large flounder on a party boat does not require heavy tackle. This is not to say that you should pack your favorite ultra light outfit. For the fishing, particularly at Gardiner's Island, is not performed from an anchored boat with a good dose of chum. Artie Lach, skipper of the Wilhelric in Sag Harbor, says its like fishing for fluke: drifting over hard bottom. The sea flounder here are not accustomed to a sedentary life in muddy backwaters. They came from the turbulent ocean and when the weather turns warm, they will return there.

Drift fishing on a party boat here requires sinkers weighing about 4 ounces and with an ultra light outfit the fine rod tip will bounce like a ping

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pong ball. Therefore, most fishermen use a medium action 7 foot rod and matching reel. A 6½ to 7 foot bait-casting rod and a light levelwind reel such as the Penn 920 spooled with 10 lb. test makes an ideal outfit here.

Curiously, hooks and rigs at Gardiner's are similar to those employed by skiff fishermen in calm estuaries. The hooks, #7 to #8 Chestertowns, are only slightly larger than the #9 to #10 sizes used elsewhere. My preference is a long shank Beak, although some people favor Sproats or Carlisles. Two of these hooks, snelled to 12 inch leaders of 30 pound test, are tied in tandem, the end of one snell to the middle of the other. The simplest rig makes use of a snap swivel tied to the end of the fishing line with an improved clinch knot. The snap secures the tandem-tied hooks as well as the sinker, so that the rig stays right on the bottom. Experienced party boat fishermen also bring along some light bank sinkers, from 1 to 3 ounces, for those times when drifts are slow and when winds calm.

Well-made hooks are essential, even when pursuing the humble flounder. By example, on one party boat trip to Gardiner's Island, I borrowed a pair of cheap hooks from a fishing buddy. They were brand new, still in the package. I rigged up with these bargains and lost three flounder in a row, the last one on top of the water. At first, my friend counseled me to wait a moment before setting the hook, as if I didn't know. Then a neighbor on my right called out, "Whatta ya using, rubber hooks?" Big laugh. Of course, I could have replaced the hooks, but I was determined to find out what was wrong. I sat down and carefully examined them. The points were sharp and the barbs were intact. I then compared them to some other hooks of the same pattern, and saw the problem. The points were bent in too much. The lip-hooked fish were prying themselves free by pushing against the shank. I forced the bend open to its proper position and lost no fish after that. The point is, a properly machined hook would not have had this problem, and I would have been richer by three fish, one of which was a snowshoe.

Some people find that artificial adornments on their rigs attract more flounder than ordinary bottom rigs. Thus one angler may use a plastic corn kernel, which is threaded on the snelled leader just above the eye of the hook. Fishermen say that the kernel resembles the egg sac of a fish larvae. Actually, flounder are also fond of natural corn. In any case, the corn kernel leaves ample room for a natural bait below and the combination is often deadly. Another effective attractor is a small (about 1½ inches) soft plastic tail, such as a Mr. Twister, in fluorescent yellow. The tail, which usually accompanies leadhead jigs, is impaled through the side at a right angle to the long shank of the hook. Pushed up to the top of the hook, the

tail does not interfere with the natural bait below. Like a flag in a breeze, the flutter tail draws patriotic snowshoes to the rig. Finally, some fishermen find that a hook dressed with yellow hair, and sweetened with natural bait, works magic on flounder. In all cases, flounder seem attracted to yellow things and for this reason, some sinker bouncers paint their sinkers this color as well.

On east end party boats, the predominant natural bait is a ribbed bank mussel, although some boats also provide skimmer clams. Experienced fishermen invest in sandworms as well, just to gain an edge. On one trip last spring, I was a bit late boarding the boat and was left with a poor spot amidships. However, I had brought along two dozen sandworms. By switching back and forth between the worms and mussels—and even preparing a Big Mac of the two—I managed to attract more fish than many people along the bow and stern ends of the boat. One regular, seeing my catch, remarked: "Last week I used worms and couldn't catch a fish. Today, I use mussels and the fish want worms." As you can see, having several baits available is a good hedge against a poor return.

Nonetheless, most fishermen find that mussels are more than adequate in the spring. And the regulars do not wait for the mate to shuck them. During the ride to the fishing grounds, they deftly cleave the shell with a clam knife and soon pile up an ample supply of the largest bank mussels. Unfortunately, mussels are very soft and if not properly impaled on the hook, they soon fall apart. Finger-numbing weather in April and May doesn't help, either. Which is another good reason to get an early start shucking mussels; for they can be toughened by drying them in the sun. Baiting up involves impaling and twisting the hard tongue several times and pushing it up the shank. Then the soft, bright yellow meat is twisted and impaled around the lower part of the hook. Finally, the firm membrane is added below. When rigged this way, the mussel resembles a globule of gold. Snowshoes love it.

Large flounder like a generous meal. When using sandworms, thread at least half a worm on the hook and leave an ample amount trailing below the point. If the flounder seem unenthusiastic about sandworms or mussels, try a sandwich of the two. Slide a small piece of worm up the shank, then add some mussel and finish off with another segment of worm. This way the mussel lasts longer and the combined scents and colors often turn on finicky flatfish.

Around Gardiner's Island the flounder are often taken in only 20 feet of water. Even so, you may have to adjust the weight of the sinker so that the baited hooks drift close to the bottom. Overloading the weight is no solution, for it is difficult to feel a nibble. On the other hand, an underweighted rig will drift out of the flounder's feeding zone.

Having determined the correct weight for the rig, most people drift from the side where lines are moving away from the boat. At times, however, the "wrong side" may be more productive, for large flounder face upcurrent to catch tidbits drifting downstream. Fishing the wrong side of the boat is best done around slack periods and when drifts are slow.

My "rubber hooks" notwithstanding, most people have little difficulty hooking large spring flounder here. If the fish were that finicky, drifting for them would be pointless. Snowshoes particularly, strike with great force and there is little need for the drop-back method employed on their summer relatives. As with fluke, however, snowshoes are difficult to lift over the high deck and rail of a party boat, so it is best to let the mate net them.

Spring at Gardiner's Bay often brings variable winds and a choppy sea. As mentioned, when the water gets too rough here, party boats will head for calmer waters where smaller fish are the norm. Therefore, it is wise to check the weather before scheduling a trip here. And remember, dress as though it were still winter, for even in May a sudden wind will remind you of February. Decking a hefty snowshoe should help bring you back to reality in a hurry.

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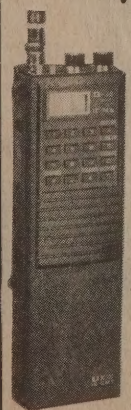

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SOUND METHODS FOR MACKEREL

by Dick Alley

Fishing for early spring mackerel in the rain gets kind of confusing. It's hard to tell the dimpling raindrops from the dimples on the surface caused by these enormous schools of fish. Macks are also difficult to find on the fish finders, as they have no bladders, and don't produce an echo like bass, blues or weakfish.

In western Long Island Sound, veteran anglers agree that there's been a reduction in the mackerel population over the past two or three years. Mackerel are cyclic, and populations will vary from year to year, based on an abundance of factors.

Now that I've said all of the negative thngs about this fine fishery, let's get to the fun part.

If mackerel are to show up in the Sound at all, and well they should, it involves some excellent fishing, whether it's bait you're looking for, or a fine smoked delicacy to treat your family and friends.

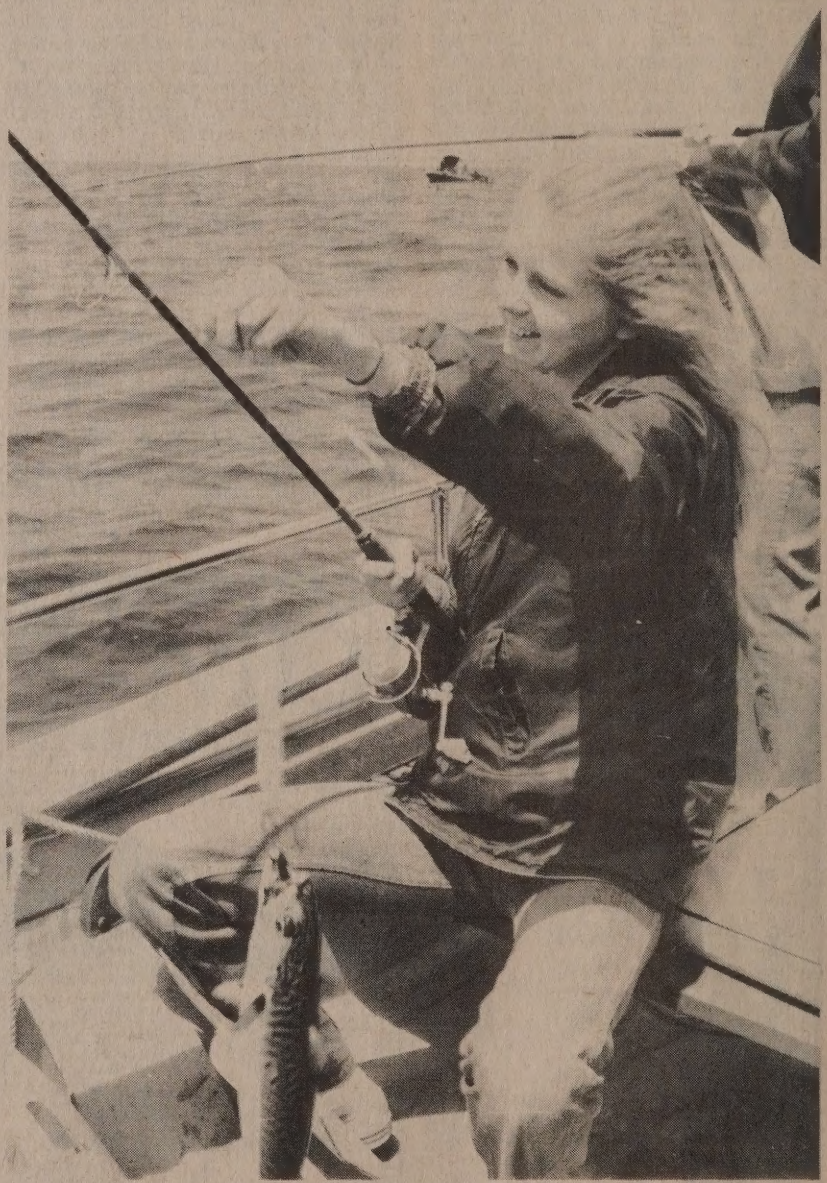
Mackerel usually move into Long Island Sound waters about the third or fourth week in April. They may always show on the third week, but many anglers take a hiatus from Long Island Sound waters to do their thing at trout fishing, and so don't get started until the following week.

First word of mackerel catches will probably come from either Wading River, or the Port Jefferson area on the Long Island side. In a matter of days, however, these fish have moved into Connecticut waters, and show up at spots off Bridgeport, Stratford, Stamford, Greenwich and the Norwalk Islands. If they're thick, they might just well be in evidence at all of these locations at the same time, but should populations be down this year, we may have to move around among these areas to find them.

Boating anglers definitely have a better shot at Boston mackerel than do those fishermen restricted to the shoreline. Their time comes later.

Mackerel themselves, for the past few seasons, have averaged two to three pounds in weight. They're handsome fish in their iridescent green and black stripes and their speed and fighting ability is all anyone could desire on the end of the rod.

There are two kinds of mackerel fishermen. On one hand, are the meat fishermen, those anglers who like to load up a garbage can full of fish to feed family, friends, stock the freezer, and spend a day or two experimenting with a hickory smoker and various excellent recipes.



Lori Alley with a mackerel jigged up on light spinning tackle.

This angler mostly utilizes a stout jigging rod, heavy line, a diamond or Ava jig, and a mackerel rig consisting of several plastic tubes, feathers, or jigs, to attract the fish. This method is by far the most popular, and can result in plenty of fish on every trip out.

Other fishermen prefer casting small individual lures on a light spinning stick for their mackerel catches. Lures like the Hopkins, Kastmaster, bucktails, all work well for macks. The weight should depend on the kind of water you're fishing;

depth, current, and stage of tide and wind direction.

I've yet to hear of anyone unwilling to share a mackerel spot (except at contest time). The easiest way to locate the mackerel is to look for the fleet. A CB radio, binoculars, publications like The Fisherman, all can lead you to where the mackerel are located.

The fish finder will show you something, but not the blips you see with the other game fish. If you don't have a fishfinder, head for a likely spot and troll. On calm days, they can often be seen dimpling the surface, but when it's choppy, they're difficult to spot. A mackerel rig trolled a hundred feet behind the boat will usually bring a strike. Once located, it's a simple matter to jig and drift or cast and drift.

When you're into serious fishing and trying to load the garbage pail, a fishing partner can pay off. Once one angler hits a fish, he should let it swim a bit while the second fisherman drops his rig alongside. Once he hooks up, it's a matter of waiting for the first angler to get his rig back into the water. That way somebody is into fish at all times, keeping them next to the boat and coming over the side.

The smart fisherman will take what he wants for food fish, and also put some in the freezer for bait to be used later in the season. Next to fresh bunker, mackerel chunks are irresistible to blues and stripers, so when the first trophy schools come by it's handy to have some frozen bait on hand just in case there's a shortage of bunker. The mackerel run could last several weeks, or only a couple. Usually, the macks disappear just ahead of the first sizable population of bluefish to invade our waters.

Inevitably, some of the small schools are left behind. Where do they go? Into the shallow coves, boat basins, etc., where they're fair game for the surf angler. They'll sweep past the beach fronts, and into the basins. They'll move in and out among the boats, and are easy prey for the fisherman with a spinning stick and silver lure.

Eventually those that are left behind either escape to the open ocean again, or are devoured by bigger game fish. Mackerel are a very important factor in the entire western Long Island Sound fishing scene. This year, let's hope they come in early and stay late.

Our experience over the past decade should show us that Mother Nature does not provide a bottomless supply of fish. We've seen what has happened to stripers, noticed the dwindling supply of weakfish and now bluefish stocks are believed to be decreasing.

The word is "Conserve." Take enough for eating and enough for bait, but once your needs are filled, try that second method described earlier in this article. That way you can have the fun of fishing and toss them back to fight again.

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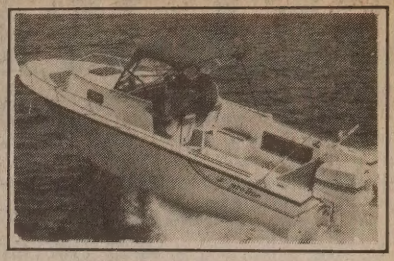
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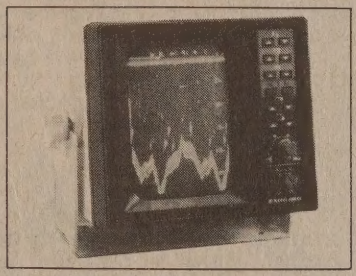
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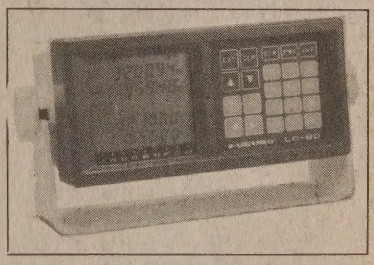
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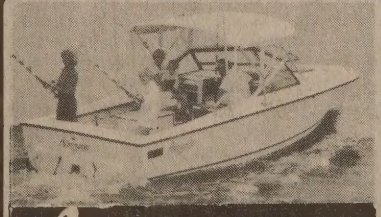
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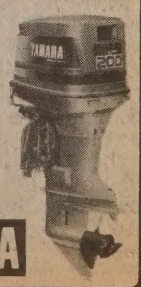
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GET WET FOR TROUT

by Carl Buxbaum

Often forgotten by many feather merchants, the humble wet fly remains an effective and versatile tool.

Fly fishing's come a long way in the last 200 years. It started with the wet fly and attracted many enthusiasts. The invention of the fine wire hook and improved tying techniques, made it possible to create a floating fly. Dry fly fishing and matching-the-hatch soon dominated the scene as the most sporting method for catching trout. And because the method required great skill, a breed of dry fly purists was born. As scientific research, not to mention angler frustration began to show that trout consume 80 to 90 percent of their food below the surface, a generation that grew up on the principle of matching-the-hatch for selective trout, turned to the nymph. It was assumed that perfect imitations of immature, underwater stages in the life cyle of aquatic insects would best catch trout between hatches.

Oh, the whole business got so sporty, so sophisticated, and so "scientific" that some very important things went unnoticed. Others were forgotten. First of all, trout weren't nearly as selective as everyone said. They kept getting suckered by nymph patterns that bore no resemblance to the naturals in a particular stream or pond. Next, clumsy casters (like myself) managed to sink dry flies, more often than not, but we still took our share of fish. Finally, it was forgotten that fly fishing grew popular at the start because wet flies worked; and, as a reminder, there always seemd to be an old-timer astream who hooked more trout than anyone else with sunken flies, resembling nothing natural.

A 15 inch rainbow trout worked at driving me nuts one day. I heard a splash upstream, the kind that makes your hands shake, and scanned the water. About a half a minute later, I saw a showy rise and watched the rings and a couple of bubbles drift toward me on the slick surface. There were no signs of a hatch, but the idea of taking fish on a dry fly is always thrilling. So, I clipped off my nymph and tied on a size 18 Spider—an excellent all purpose dry for smooth water, with no hatch in progress. Concentrating very hard, I made an uncharacteristically clean cast. The fly drifted high and drag free, but nothing happened. Nor did anything happen on the next two tries. Meanwhile the trout continued rising. I counted down the intervals between splashes and started casting in rhythm with the feeding pattern. Still nothing. I skittered the Spider. Nothing. Tried a Brown Bivisible—nothing. Maybe something real tiny would do the trick, since whatever it was that the rainbow liked so much couldn't be seen. An 8X tippet with a size 22 Midge went into action, followed by a tiny Black Ant, then a Cinnamon Ant. A #16 Quill Gordon was clinched on—to try a light color. Nothing! I had to get a look at the fussy fish and see what it was eating.

Stepping out of the stream in a crouch, I stalked along the bank to the source of the splashes. The rainbow stopped rising and just sat near the bottom in about three feet of water. A bumblebee buzzed by. When common sense fails, pay attention to omens, I thought, and started searching for the box of wet flies. Through disuse, it migrated to the vest's back pouch, under the rain gear. Finding it at last, I chose a fat, size 10McGinty; went to a 3X tippet; and dropped the gaudy, yellow and black wet about 10 feet upstream of the fish. It tumbled and fluttered, sinking toward the finicky critter. The sucker couldn't wait—darting forward to intercept the silly tuft of fuzz and feathers.

Why did the McGinty work? It's doubtful that anyone can say for sure. Was that fish hot for drowning bees? Not likely, because similar success is often had with flashy wets that don't match anything—like the Royal Coachman, Montreal, Parmacheene Belle, and Professor—after more natural looking wets have been ignored. In fact, though many time an impression of the real thing is required and nothing else will do—generally the Adams, Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear, March Brown, Leadwing Coachman, Cahills. Hendricksons, and other fine fakes won't perform as well as garish attractors. Gary LaFontaine, a famous fly fisher and writer, reports from his wet fly experiments that better than 80 percent of the trout caught took unrealistically colorful offerings. A black and orange Analomink was best—but then, he didn't try a McGinty in those tests. In my experience, there's something special about yellow, especially in a contrasty pattern.

The point is that while wet flies may fool trout by looking like emerging naturals wriggling free of their nymphal cases, drowned spinners after depositing their eggs, or simply sunken victims of the whims of nature, their power to draw attention is most important. And they get attention because of their automatic action; even with drab, natural colors. They're tied with soft hackle because it sinks more readily than the finest feathers reserved for floating flies. But soft hackle also pulsates more and is responsive to the slightest nuance of current or line manipulation. The wings (usually absent on nymphs) induce a delicate fluttering action. So, either on a dead drift or somehow maneuvered, the wet fly always looks alive and vulnerable—a combination of attributes that trout find too hard to resist.

A wet is consequently a good prospecting fly, when there are no signs of active feeding—particularly in water less than 3 or 4 feet deep (for deeper water my confidence shifts in favor of weighted nymphs). I usually start with a size 12, colorful, contrasty pattern and stick with it until seeing a fish ignore the thing. Then I watch the fish. If it's feeding below the surface, I try to identify the "special of the day" and select a similar fake from among the more realistic wets. Gold Ribbed Hare's Ears, numbers 12 to 16, have been kind to me in this sort of situation. If they fail, or you see a darker natural, try Black Gnats or Leadwing Coachmen. They can be dynamite.

Sometimes a trout looks over the first offering, but drops back and lets it pass. Then I try again with a little jiggle added through the rod. The extra action often pays off. If not, try a size 10 of the same fly, and then a 14. The fish will either seize one of those or completely lose interest. He's wised up. Rest him for a few minutes, and try some other designs in size 14, on 4X or lighter tippets. I seem to do better with smaller flies after a fish has been a bit overexposed. As long as the trout hasn't spooked, keep at it. Why? Because once you hook it, you've probably found a fly that'll take every other fish in the neighborhood—whether or not you see them. Besides, walking away means accepting the fact that you couldn't outsmart a dumb fish.

There's probably no wrong way to present a wet fly. That's why they are often recommended for novice casters. But the presentation should be matched to the fishing situation. The standard approach is to cast down and across stream, at about a 20 degree angle. Let the fly drift until it swings downstream and the line straightens

in the current. Then, begin a slow retrieve with short, jerky pulls on the line. This is an excellent search strategy, because it quickly covers lots of water.

If something hits soon after the fly sinks, the action is deep and on a dead drift. A fly can then be held in the strike zone longer by casting directly across stream and throwing slack line out during the drift.

When a fly is taken on the swing, it's a signal that more liveliness is needed. During the swing a fly speeds up and rises. More life can be put in the fly by jiggling the rod tip throughout the presentation and playing the retrieve for all its worth. Many times I took one fish after another by twitching the rod and retrieving a few feet of line at the end of the swing; shaking the line back out through the guides; and allowing the fly to sink, drop back and rise again. The wet frequently gets hit hard as it starts to rise.

Yet more and bigger fish (including elusive browns) seem to respond to deep, dead drifts. An upstream presentation is best for getting and keeping the offering near bottom. It's also the only way to really sink a fly in fast currents. A nice, long drift can be maintained by mending line—that is, using the rod tip to flip the belly in the line back upstream, as the flow causes it to form. Without mending the current exerts sufficient drag on the line to pull the fly faster than its natural drift and causes it to rise.

Upstream casts complicate fishing because it's hard to detect strikes on slack line. As with fishing nymphs, the angler must pay very close attention to the slightest pause, twitch, or other unusual and subtle movement at the end of the line or visible portion of the leader. A bright strike indicator is a welcome aid. When in doubt, set the hook. You'll tick bottom and snag weeds or a log now and then—but you'll also catch more fish.

Many wet fly specialists present two or three patterns at once. One is tied to the end of the tippet in the usual manner; another to a long, untrimmed tag end of the blood knot joining the tippet and leader; and in the case of a third fly, an additional section of monofilament is tied between the leader and regular tippet, using a tag of the extra knot to hold the fly. This sort of rig permits the angler to test different depths and different patterns simultaneously. But it sure makes casting a challenge (a special problem for me, in any event). I experienced great difficulty with the dropper flies tangling in the leader—so badly, the whole thing landed like a bowl of spaghetti. The frequency of tangling was reduced by shortening the tag-dropper connection to 4 inches and using only the heavier of the knot's two tags to hold the fly. Still, given the slightest opportunity, say a two mile an hour breeze, I can tangle almost anything attached to a fly rod. When I'm desperate for trout, though, I put up with the inconvenience. The system works! And I've done all right with a big Black Gnat at the point, a Royal Coachman above it and a Hare's Ear riding high.

Wets are the most versatile flies available. They can be worked at any depth (crimping a split shot just above the tippet for very deep or very fast water); dead drift or active; like small streamers, if that's you wish. I even float them in the surface film during hatches, by whipping them dry with a few back casts, and many times trout select them over perfectly matched dries—especially as they start to absorb water and sink.

With all whooping and hollering about dry flies and nymphs, the fisherman more eager to take trout than perfecting style will do as well as anyone else by sticking with wets, in most situations. If I were limited to only one box of flies, I'd pick the soft hackled sinkers every time.

A selection of soft-hackle flies that work well in our region. Top row: McGinty and Royal Coachman. Middle row: Parmacheene Belle, Montreal and Black Gnat. Bottom row: Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear and Leadwing Coachman.

A PRIVATE APPROACH TO BETTER BLACKFISHING

by Russ Wilson

A quick check of the oversize Igloo cooler revealed we had caught about all the tautog we wanted to clean and then some. It was definitely time to hoist the anchor and head for home. Our catch, taken in a scant two hours, was more than any of us wanted, but when the action is fast and furious, it is easy to get caught up in the Greed Syndrome. Besides, tautog are among the finest eating of all saltwater fish and none of those we had kept would be wasted.

A fellow fishing nearby simply shook his head as we eased the boat past his position. When asked how he had done we got the thumbs down signal and as he signaled us over I already knew what his first question would be.

"How come you guys loaded up and I caught only a couple of fish?" he asked. The answer was obvious. He had spotted us doing a big number on the tog and figured the bottom was paved with fish. He did not bother graphing the bottom contour nor did he check out our baits. Two big mistakes that probably cost him dearly.

We had fished that particular spot many, many times and knew it almost as well as the divers who often probed its bottom for tog as well as lobsters. We also carried a good supply of fresh baits and took the time to make sure each hook was checked at regular intervals to make sure that pesky bergalls had not stripped it clean. And, as a topper, all three of us were accomplished blackfishermen of long standing. Experience does pay dividends when you are attempting to catch these crafty bottom fish as our newfound friend discovered.

There are lots of party and charter boat captains who know the ins and outs of togging, but few private boaters have the time or inclination to garner the experience that is necessary to be successful at this type of bottom fishing.

If you happen to fall into the latter group you won't see much improvement in your blackfish scores until you change your approach. Most experienced party boat anglers were helped along by a friendly captain or mate and then went that extra step to polish their technique to a fine edge. Others, especially those who think they know it all, will never become totally proficient at catching tautog.

Finding suitable bottom habitat for blackfish and then putting fish in the boat are two entirely different matters. Most fishermen who can read a chart recorder can locate structure that harbors blackfish, but once over the fish they don't know how to anchor the boat, work the lines or hook the fish that do decide to bite. That's what separates the men from the boys in the blackfish game and it is what keeps the successful fishermen coming back for more while those are not as adept mumbling to themselves.

Anchoring on a piece of productive bottom is probably the most important step in becoming a success at fishing for tautog. You MUST position the boat so the lines drop directly down to the fish. If you have to cast out and away from the boat to hit the target, you've anchored wrong and should re-position so the lines are right on target and lay directly below

Charles Greer and Felix Greco fished on Christmas Eve to make this fine catch of tautog and a lone 20 pound codfish.

the boat. It may take several drops to get the boat in the right position but believe me it is time well spent, and will usually allow you to catch more fish in a much shorter period of time.

When you are right over the structure and this includes not only wrecks but mussel beds, rocks, deep dropoffs or holes along a sedge bank, you will know it immediately, for blackfish will grab the bait the minute it touches bottom. If you have to wait a few moments you may be slightly off target or you are not using the right kind of bait.

We used the grapple type anchor for many years and feel it is the best for exact positioning of a boat on a wreck or rock pile. The grapple will grab and hold so you can move the boat forward or back without dislodging it. The Danforth is a good second choice since the flukes (the two blades) will grab anything that is solid and will hold the boat securely. But, if at all possible, try to get a grapple type anchor made because it will save you grief at some point in time.

In the ocean, we normally fish slightly deeper waters that are blanketed with rocks, mussel beds, sunken wrecks and other bottom debris. As most fishermen know, blackfish inhabit rough terrain and to catch them on a regular basis you must present your baits within a couple of feet of the fish's mouth. That requires pinpoint placement of your baits and if you are not anchored correctly you cannot work the baits effectively.

Once you have the anchor set you will not have to worry about the boat moving. But, when it comes time to hoist the anchor you may find it is firmly embedded in the rocks or wreck. If you are using a Danforth type or most any other anchor that has blades or flukes, you will have to break it loose by running the boat at a moderate speed or by cutting the anchor line and leaving fifty bucks worth of anchor line, chain and anchor stuck on bottom.

The grapple is a ready solution to this problem since once it is set it stays put and when you want to go you can break it loose under power if it is stuck and won't come free. More often than not, one of the bars will bend and that will allow the grapple to come free of whatever obstruction it has grabbed. If the one bar or blade is bent too much out of shape, you can rebend it to the original shape and it is as good as new.

We've tried the four, five and six bar type grapple type anchors and feel the six bar is best for all around wreck and rough bottom use. And, when working a wreck, this model will usually grab with at least two of the prongs which then allows us to position the boat almost directly above the structure.

You will still need a short length of galvanized chain to get the grapple to bottom. We use a 10 foot length of coated galvanized half inch chain with our 25 foot Hydra Sports, but you can go to a longer or shorter chain depending on the size boat you have and still get the same results.

Scott Hubert with average size tautog taken from an inshore wreck on green crab.

Bait is equally important. Don't think, for one minute, that you are going to catch tautog all of the time on one specific kind of bait. It pays to carry a selection of baits including green crab, calico crab (in the rivers and bays), fiddler crab, conch when available, clam and at times, sea worms (blood or sand). If you do your togging in relatively shallow waters, you might also include sand fleas (sand bugs to some) for they are a dynamite offering when fishing ocean waters of less than 40 feet in depth. Once you get off into deeper waters, the sand flea is not as effective, but in the shallows when sand fleas are normally found, they can be one of the best possible blackfish baits.

Baits should be fresh. You can catch tog on old baits but as a rule, the meat will be mushy and is easily cleaned from the shell by pesky bait stealing bergalls before the tautog gets a chance to bite. We've had occasion to use frozen green crabs and although they have produced some decent catches they are inferior baits when compared to fresh greens or fiddlers. The same applies to frozen clam or worms that have spent a week or so in the cooler, and have become soft and mushy.

We generally carry our baits in a bucket so they can move about. If we see they are getting dried out from the sun we'll douse them with some cool ocean water and that usually brings them back to life. On particularly hot days, we'll keep the baits in the cooler and prepare only a dozen or so at a time to keep our bait supply fresh and juicy.

The green crab is a favorite and it is a lot easier to use then some of the other prime baits since it can be cut into bite size portions and still retain the natural juices and fish attracting appearance. Larger green crabs can be cut into quarters while the smaller sizes, those that measure two inches or less across the shell can be cut into halves. Very small greenies should be used whole with the shell on to give the bait a larger appearance in the water.

We normally remove the back shell, claws and skirt (bottom of crab) before putting the bait on the hook. Those parts are not discarded as they can be used as chum to attract hungry tautog to the baits which have a hook attached.

The unused parts are just dandy as a chum, but you cannot count on getting results if you just toss the claws and shells overboard. Tidal movement will carry the bits and pieces out and away from your anchored position if you attempt this technique and all you will accomplish is to feed fish that are not within "catching" distance of your baited hooks. A much better solution is to

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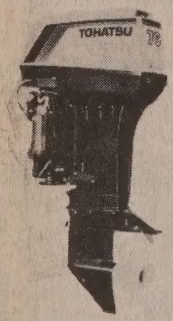

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put the claws, shells and skirts into a paper bag that has enough stones to carry it to bottom. As the bag becomes saturated with water it will weaken and when you yank on the rope that you lowered it to bottom with, you will cause the bag to break and dislodge its contents on the ocean floor around your baits.

Blackfish are no slouches when it comes to doing battle. You will need beefy tackle to hoist these fish up from the bottom, so leave the ultra light stuff at home when planning a trip for tog. As a rule we use heavy duty popping type rods, conventional reels with 14 or 17 pound test monofilament or 20 pound dacron which has no stretch, and beak style hooks in sizes 1, 1/0 or 2/0. Those who have been using the standard Virginia style blackfish hook might give the beak style models a try, but if not, go with the Virginia in a 4, 5 or 7 size since these will work with fiddlers, greenies or other proven blackfish baits.

Spinning enthusiasts should carry medium or heavy weight rods that are built with a rather stiffish action. You must sink the hook, get the fish up and out of whatever structure he has been inhabiting and crank him to the surface as quickly as possible or he will seek refuge in the structure and may be lost due to line failure.

Tautog are a hardy fish that can live for a long time if kept in a cooler or fish box that does not get direct heat from the sun. If you hope to enjoy the fish at dinner time, we seriously suggest you keep them in a cooler that is partially filled with ice. It will allow the fish to stay firm and cool and when it is time to break out the fillet knife, you will have a solid fish to work with rather than one that has become mushy from improper care.

Attention to detail always separates the novice from the experienced fisherman. This is especially true when fishing for tautog. Watch the other guy or gal. If they are just hanging the bait on the hook you can almost bet they are not catching many fish. The fishermen who know what it is all about will make sure their hooks are inserted into the bait so a fish cannot steal the morsel without getting a mouthful of steel.

Green crabs probably offer you the greatest chance at hooking tautog. Place the barb of the hook into one claw hole and bring it back out through another. Hooked in this fashion, the crab cannot be taken off the hook and you will see your percentage of solid hook-ups increase substantially. The wider gap of the beak style is made to order for use with green crabs. If you stay with the Virginia style hooks go to a slightly larger size so you get the wider bend which will fit through the claw holes.

The spring tautog season is nearing full swing and anglers who have not been successful in the past might try some of these methods. There are no guarantees, but I think you will notice an appreciable increase in your scores.

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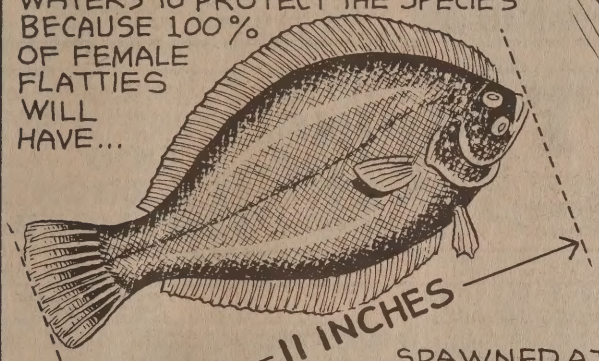

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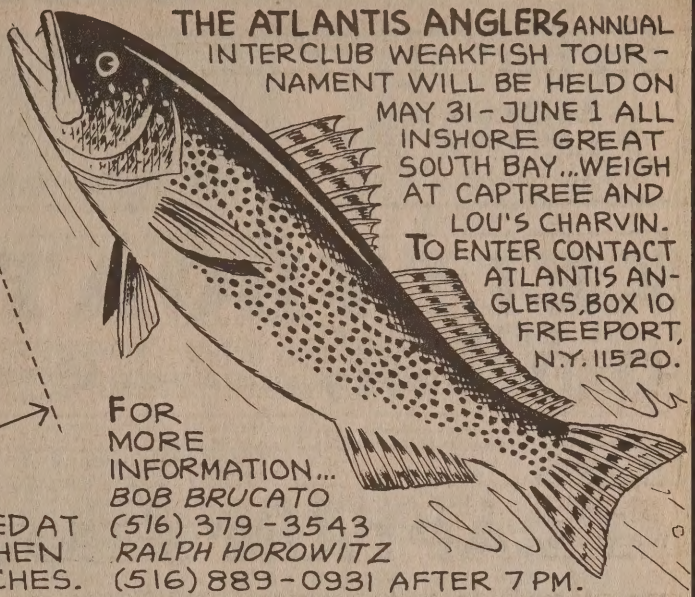

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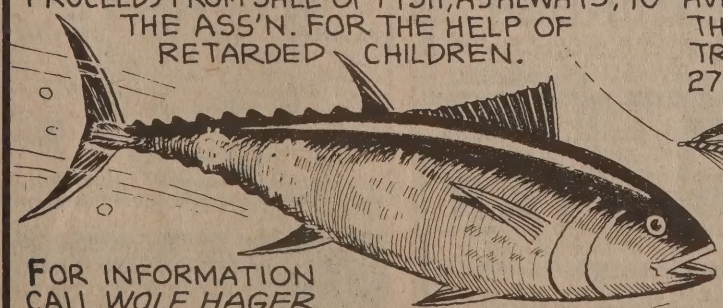

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East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

A persistent storm, including northeast winds and low pressure which ping-ponged back and forth across Long Island, hampered many fishing attempts and held back catches of those who ventured forth. On the bright side, local codfish catches picked up dramatically on Sunday, while flounder action appeared to be held back due to wind/weather conditions. Fluke and mackerel have appeared in some early east end spots.

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Capt. Richie Rade of the open boat **Marlin IV** reported his best cod catch of the year. On Sunday, Mike Melello, Jr. and his father combined for 15 cod, the largest 18½ pounds, caught by little Mike. Anglers averaged 6 to 10 cod per person, mixed with small pollock and large (3-4 pound) flounder. Capt. Rade reported he fished Southwest Ledge.

Capt. Michael Potts couldn't get out much during the week due to inclement weather. However, on Friday, his charter with the Machia Group returned with 70 nice flounder. Sunday's trip with the Imperial Sportsman on the **Bluefin IV** fished the Block Island area where 13 cod to 15 pounds were caught.

Tom Jordan reported that, while flounder and cod were slow all week, action picked up on Sunday. Bruce arry, a ramp customer, located only a few flounder at Promised Land fishing Friday and SAturday, however, one fish reached the 4 pound mark on the Marina scale. On Sunday, Bill Todmore returned to **Gone Fishing Marina** with 45 flatties, from 1½ to 2½ pounds, fishing Promised Land.

Capt. Bob Sztorc of the charter boat **Caprice** fished the Block Island area over the weekend. On Saturday, Kevin Convoy and his friend landed 6 codfish, top weight 10 pounds, along with 40 flounder to 2½ pounds. Sunday's trip with Phil and Fred Weaver, bagged 46 flounder to 2 pounds, after putting half a dozen cod to 18 pounds into the fish box.

Capt. Paul Forsberg delayed the start of the Georges Banks cod trip (scheduled to leave on the 18th) a day until the winds calmed a bit. Despite the shortened trip, anglers had very large catches of cod on the **Starship**. First timers, Chuck Hoffman and Joe Safryn of Cape May, NJ totaled 77 cod. Pool winners Gary Lombardo of Staten Island caught a 42 pound cod,

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while the second pool went to Carl Town with a 40 pound fish. Capt. Paul reported progressively better fishing as the winds laid down. While the trip of May 16 is sold out, a few spots remain for May 2nd and 12th. Call the Viking Office for details.

Capt. Ron Grandinetti reported three codfish to 15 pounds, 3 pollock and 93 flounder ranging from 1 to 2¾ pounds for a charter led by Paul Sammengetti on Saturday. Fishing was at Cartwright, Napeague Harbor and Promised Land. On Sunday, fishing the same areas, 13 cod in the 5-12 pound range and 44 flounder to 2¼ pounds were put into the fish box on the **Julie III** by Sal Spurge and his friends.

Capt. Bill Ricca of the charter boat **Alyssa Ann** found an increase in cod catches over the weekend. On Sunday, Bob Start of College POint and his group fished the Block Island grounds catching 21 cod and a pollock, all on bait. Capt. Ricca noted that several codfish were "green" indicating a new body of fish moving into the area. Saturday's flounder charter with Bill Murphy of Woodhaven and his friends fished local waters for quality flounder, mostly over 1½ pounds, with one fish pushing the 4 pound mark on the scale.

Henry Uihlein reported the best flounder action of this short season on the past weekend, with best catches in Lake Montauk by skiffs from **Uihlein's Boat Rentals**. Promised Land action was a little slower than the previous week. On Friday, Huntington Station residents Harry Chang and Pete Farrell caught about a dozen flatties in the 2 pound range at Promised Land on sandworms. While the average fish was smaller in the Lake, catches numbered better. On Saturday and Sunday skiffs returned with anywhere from a dozen to four dozen flounder ranging from ¾ to 2 pounds in weight. John and Joe Chiamtella with John McGivney used clams and worms for lake flounder to 2½ pounds on Saturday, while Phil Grosso, Ray Sweeney, Vinny Land, Tom Nicholson and Tony Prett (all of Woodside) caught fish to 2 pounds. Sunday's catch for nine rental skiffs was estimated at over 200 fish with most fish to 1½ pounds. Curt Screib, his brother Stanley, and Uncle Art used sandworms for 44 flounder; Robert Koaseak and Michael Lowenstein caught 18 in a three hour trip.

Richard Berk, speaking for the **Montauk Marine Basin** reported a catch of two dozen flounder for Bill Breassler during Saturday's AM charter on the **Vivienne** with Capt. John DeMaio. The afternoon trip with Herman Hime was a carbon copy of the first trip. Both trips were to Promised Land with fish weighed to 3 pounds. On Sunday, a group from Readding, PA: Scott Kunkle, Joe Foraker, Eric Pongoanois and Jerry Frasso returned to the marina with a dozen cod fishing on the Vivienne near Block Island.

The charter boat **Montauk**, also berthed at the Marine Basin reported 85 flounder to 2½ pounds with two codfish to 15 pounds caught by Harold Callendar of Brooklyn on Sunday.

Capt. King reported on weekend codfish action aboard the **King Wayne**. Saturday's trip, with Capt. Mike Bock at the wheel, returned with about two dozen cod to 22 pounds for the L & L Chemical and Construction Co. On Sunday, 15 cod with 4 blackfish were caught by an I.T.T. charter arranged by William Emerson. Top fish weighed 26 pounds.

SOUTH FORK

Recurring easterly winds had an effect on the flounder catches from **Harbor Marine** over the weekend, according to Dick Mendelman. Best catch of flounder apparently came from the Cherry Harbor area of Gardiner's Island and amounted to a half bucket. Local fishing produced less than a dozen per boat. Old timers attribute the poor catch to the recent east winds.

The **Sag Harbor** based **Wilhelric II** reported very good flounder catches on the weekend, after a dismal week of poor fishing apparently due to northeasterly winds. Captain Lach reported excellent fishing on Saturday both at Orient and Petty's Bight, with the best action on slack water. Fish bit both on drift and on anchor. Average catch was fifteen to twenty per man of fish in the half to two pound range. Sunday morning found good fishing on incoming water in the same spots, with most anglers putting eight to ten flatties each into their buckets. Captain Lach decided to give Gardiner's Island a try while the winds were light. A dozen large fish, some to three pounds, were caught at Green Hills before the wind howled, cutting the trip short. Ralph, a regular from City Island brought home fourteen flounder and his friend Pedro eighteen, on Saturday's trip. Captain Lach will begin night weakfish trips some time after May 10th.

Keep an eye on his ad for actual starting date.

Chris Salb felt that the best bet for flounder action for his skiffs from **Bayview Marine and Tackle** was the Cedar Point area. Reports of action came in from Rams Head (Shelter Island) and Napeague Harbor as well. However, catches ranged from a few to over fourty per skiff depending on the expertiese of the angler. Everyone is looking for weakfish and we could see the first reports next week.

Thom Speckenback heard of sporadic flounder catches over the weekend, with action on the slow side in general. Although catches were slow in Shinnecock Bay, Peter and Tony did locate a dozen flatties at Bouy 17, after striking out at Heady Creek. Best bet for the weekend appears to be areas around Promised Land, near the Fish Factory, and Goff Point. A few fluke, mostly shorts, were reported to **Speck's Bait and Tackle**. Local sharpies feel that weakfish should be moving through during the next week to ten days. Just as we went to press, Thom phoned in a mackerel report. Sixty-five mackerel were caught five miles west of the Shinnecock Sea Bouy in seventy-two feet of water by Ken Henricksen, Ed Knapp and Dana Burgess. The trick to holding the small scattered schools together was to chum with cut sand eels, tuna style.

We received a call from Alan Flexer, maker of "Al's Feather Lures" reporting on the first fluke catch for the Shinnecock Canal. Alan caught twelve keepers to eighteen and a half inches, among uncounted numbers of short fluke, over the weekend. All the fish were taken on his jigs. Local sharpies are fishing for weakfish day and night, but as of Monday, no confirmed catches.

South Shore REPORT

with Fred Colofaro

With April blending into May, the local fishing scene is certainly undergoing a transition. Flounder reports are being crowded by news of mackerel and blackfish and fluke are already managing to get some mention. Weakfish are on everybody's lips and while no fish have been officially weighed, its likely the first hook and line fish is already a matter of record.

Also, while the start of the Surf Rport column is still a couple of weeks away, casters looking to get in on some early catch and release striper fishing can do so. Tom Prisco relayed word that a trip designed to test out a

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new stick resulted in bass of 18 and 22 taken from a Long Beach jetty Sunday evening. The Maspeth angler took the fish on bucktails.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

The big news in this area concerns the upcoming Moriches Flounder Derby slated for this Saturday and Sunday. If you haven't already entered, the deadline is 8AM Saturday at Cerullo Bros., Las Brisas, L & M, Silly Lily or Tadsen's Fishing Stations. If you're planning on renting a skiff to compete in the derby, all of the fishing stations have advised early reservation, lest you be left out of the action. Open boat, shore and private boat anglers are eligible to compete as well.

From the **Moriches** based **Alma Fleet**, Capt. Ron Schleuter reported a slow pick on flounder this week. The better fishing has been on the Ebb tide near buoy 27, The Mansion and Forge River. Sunday offered some encouragement with several blackfish mixing with the flatties including a tautog of 4.15 pounds taken by Jim Consiglio. Fishing was done near the West Cut. Ron added that Chuck Lamberti of the private boat Linda Ann worked buoy 43 on incoming water Sunday and put away 30 nice flatties.

Over at **Silly Lily Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**, Gary Grunseich said that the erratic weather patterns of the past two weeks resulted in spotty flounder fishing most of the week. A few boats did manage catches of 30 to 40 fish. Better scores were made at Havens Point and Buoy 42 on incoming water. On the Ebb, the channel south of Buoy 33 produced some fair action.

A call to Larry Dallaire of **L & M Marineland** confirmed the erratic flounder action of the past week. Larry noted that quanities may be lacking but the quality is there. Some decent catches were made near buoy 43, particularly on the last part of incoming and the top of the Ebb. Larry added that there should be some impressive winners for the upcoming Derby. He also noted that a few days of mild weather and rising water temperatures could trigger a dramatic change in the fishing.

George Kideris at **Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station** reported a slow week of flounder fishing. Despite this there were a couple of highlights worth mentioning. On Sunday, seven year old Danielle Copola made her first fish a memorable one. It was a flattie that tipped the scale at 2.6 pounds and it was taken between buoys 27 and 29. In the same area on Sunday, Moriches Anglers Club member Chuck Pallone put 2 dozen big flounder (1-2 pounds) into his boat. He also took some fish near the entrance to Great Gun Channel.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

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Paul Graniello at **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** said that the second northeaster in as many weeks put a hurt on the flounder action this week. He noted some improvement in the fishing by Sunday with the better reports coming from the south side of the bay between Barrett Beach and Ocean Beach. Some nice fish in the 1¼ to 1½ pound class also taken in the vicinity of the Smith Point Bridge on the weekend. A handful of customers tried weakfish on the weekend with no one reporting any success. Bill Schiavo and Greg Maynard fished near the Sea Buoy outside of Moriches Inlet during the week and returned with just a few mackerel and some herring. Three small stripers from 12 to 15 inches were reported from the Blue Point Dock.

Slow flounder fishing this week reported Al Colban of **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale**. Some fair catches were made in the Sore Thumb Pocket (flood tide best) and near Ocean Beach. Mackerel catches on the weekend were scattered and spotty with some boats reporting as few as a half dozen and no one reporting more than several dozen. A few short fluke and some blackfish being picked up near the R.M. Bridge and second hand reports of a weakfish taken near the Lighthouse during the week.

Peter Jakits of East Islip anchored up on the north side of West Island Saturday. Fishing alone, he put 32 flatties into the cockpit of his Rainbow Runner II. Heavy clam and corn chum keyed the action.

A call to Brian Catland at Sunrise Fish Co., tender of the ocean pound trap lying offshore of Robert Moses State Park, revealed that as of Monday the traps had yielded mostly shad, some whiting and ling and a few mackerel. No weaks reported either.

Carl Miller of **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore** said that flounder action has been off but that boatmen who worked the flood tide in the Sore Thumb Pocket managed some decent catches of 25 to 30 good sized flatties per boat. He also spoke of a fair pick of fish near Ocean Beach. A few confirmed blackfish taken at Kismet Reef and reports of short fluke continue to filter in. One local gillnetter working east in the bay during the week accounted for four boxes of weakfish as well as lots of bunker. Mackerel with herring among them were scattered between 70 and 90 feet of water south of the inlet on Sunday. Chum was needed to hold the fish according to Carl. No big scores were made but several boats managed a couple of dozen to 50 fish.

Capt. Carl Passaro of the open boat **Miss Captree** reported flounder fishing has been on the tough side with Friday and Saturday producing slow fishing. There was a definite improvement on Sunday with most fares a accounting for 8 to 10 flatties. High hook was Kanute Thornblom with 15 flatties. Fishing was done in East Channel, Sailors Haven and at Barrett Beach. Carl noted that there had been some action with large fish at the Sore Thumb on the last of the Ebb. A reminder that beginning Friday May 9th the boat will start its Working Man's Special. These are evening trips scheduled from 6 to 10 PM with weaks and bay blues the target.

Capt. Richie Westerlind of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Richie** reported a pick of flatties with the fish spread around from Heckscher to Ocean Beach and points east. Sunday's trip saw most fares average 6 to 8 nice fish apiece. He noted too the sighting of the first terns back on Saturday and reported seeing several blackfish performing their mating ritual on the surface on the flats opposite Heckscher Park.

Capt. Richie Leitch of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Leitch** said that Sunday's fishing marked the first big improvement in about 10 days with a fair number of nice size fish being taken from the Ocean Beach area. The veteran skipper is looking for a repeat of last May's excellent run of flatties.

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Scotty 3** has been dividing his time between mackerel and flounder. Saturday's afternoon mackerel trip saw fares get a good shot of fish during the last portion of the trip. Lots of herring as well as some small whiting and ling were mixed with the macs. George has been working south-southeast of the inlet in 70-80' of water. Flounder fishing showed signs of improving on Sunday with a few guys scoring with 8 to 10 fish. Others did not fare nearly as well but the fish are good size. Most of the flounder action has been between Ocean Beach and east to Point 'O Woods.

Over at **Captree Bait and Tackle**, Noel Kappauf and crew were kept busy with the scheduled Captree Seafest activities this weekend. Saturday's activities were called off at noon due to the rain but Sunday was a big day on the docks with thousands

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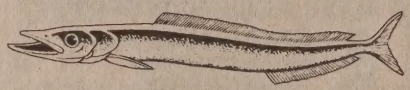

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of people turning out for the occasion. The Seafest's flounder tourney went off despite Mother Nature's interference. Saturday's winners were Steven Horne with a 2.1 pound flattie, Bert App with a 1.15 pounder and John Alvarez with a 1.10 pound fish. On Sunday, Wolff Kuper took top spot with a 2.7 pound fish. Lillian Zukert nailed down second with a 1.11 pounder and Jim Goodson took third with a 1.10 pound flattie. First place winners received free fishing for one year on the open boat of their choice. Second and third place winners were rewarded with 6 months of free fishing. The largest flattie weighed by Noel on the weekend was the result of a private boat catch made on Saturday in the Sore Thumb pocket on worm bait. Lou Caruana, a LIF Subscriber, checked in a fish that tipped the scales at 3 pounds 3 ounces. He, Frank Jones, Mike Bianculli and Rich Jacylo put away a couple of buckets of big flatties in the Pocket. On mackerel, Noel reported no great concentration of fish on the weekend but noted that a number of boats managed to take a fair number of fish. No real big scores however.

Capt. Ralph Green of the open boat **Miss Babylon** reported a slow week of flounder fishing but spoke of a flurry of action Sunday afternoon which he hoped reflected an upturn in the action. Sunday's best action came in the State Channel near the Babylon Cut. Thursday's trip saw the season's first keeper fluke taken. A reminder that the boat is now sailing at 7AM daily.

Tom Healy, reporting from **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon** saw his first legal fluke taken on Tuesday. It was also the first fluke registered for the Babylon Tuna Club and it was no accident. The angler, Frank Losasso was drifting a strip of flounder belly near the Robert Moses Bridge when he took the fish. Flounder action has been picky with the best bet over in the Sore Thumb pocket. Best scores made this weekend were by anglers working the flood tide in the morning. Tom did see a couple of nice catches of flatties taken from Bergen Point. Dick Orlandi, of Augie's fame ran his Three Sons to 80' of water on Saturday. He found sporadic action but still managed to put away 30 mackerel and some herring. On Sunday, Bruce Morabito nailed a lone blackfish while fishing atop the Kismet Reef. Despite several boats giving the weakfish a shot on Saturday and Sunday, the first confirmed catch has yet to be recorded.

Over at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, Mike Andreani relayed word that a gillnetter had shipped a few hundred pound of weakfish earlier in the week. He reported taking them outside along the beach. Several rod and reelers gave weakfish a shot with no results. While flounder fishing was far from a bonanza, there were some decent catches made just a couple of hundred feet off the Lindenhurst

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shore. Boatmen working in 4-5 feet of water opposite the Lindenhurst Town Dock and the Chateau Lamier restaurant. Catches range anywhere from a dozen to three dozen flatties. On Sunday, Ken Cellen, Brian Coates and Rich Pizzuto nailed 15 flatties. Same day, Steve Gleason, Luigi Racanelli, and Jimmy Kissel put away 31 fish. Sonny and Dennis Yocum teamed to catch 28 nice size flatties on incoming water fishing off the restaurant. Mike looked over a catch of 11 blackfish made on Friday by Don Shrimshok and Gary Guja. The pair divided the fishing between the Rota Wreck and the Kismet Reef. Green crab baits produced fish up to 6½ pounds. They reported that another boat anchored up on the Rota appeared to have done a nice job on the fish. Mike finished his report by noting that a couple of short stripers were taken by flounder fishermen working from the Cedar and Oak Beach shores this past week.

Ralph Angelillo at **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copiague** reported plenty of activity around the shop this weekend. Flounder fishing at this end seemed less affected by the weather conditions this week than it was to the east. On Sunday, Ralph DiBlasio racked up a catch of 50 flatties from ¾ to 1½ pounds at Squaw Island. Also on Sunday, Ken Smelser put away 40 flatties in the same area. Ralph added that Glow Beads have been very effective for the flatties as have the Lunker Lites. Blackfish are beginning to make their mark with local anglers. Back on Wednesday, Al Smith and crew worked a piece of bottom near the inlet and accounted for 40 blackfish. On Friday, Glen Rankin probed the bottom around the Robert Moses bridge and put away 15 blacks up to 4 pounds. Saturday saw a number of private boats sample the mackerel action though none scored heavily. Joe Gardula had 75 macks in 75' of water. Bobby Lamantia ran to 80' and had 45 macks as well as herring and whiting. Nick Buglione accounted for 30 macks aboard his Shotgun and Charlie's Big Deal returned home with a similar catch. Ralph noted that mylar tubed mackerel trees seem to be working best on the currently fussy mackerel. He also noted that those being taken are large with most in the 2 pound class.

From **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor**, Bob Vitale reported a pail of flounder for Joe Bang and his crew aboard the Jo Ellen IV on Saturday. Fishing was done in the State Channel at Gilgo. Fred Walters and his crew aboard the Reel Affair managed a couple of dozen real nice flatties on both Saturday and Sunday working the last of the flood in the Sore Thumb Pocket. The Enterprise also anchored up in the Sore Thumb Pocket on Sunday and put away 25 good size flatties. Don Lander, working from the Sore Thumb shore with green crabs reported picking a couple of blacks on Saturday. Bob's does have green crabs in stock. On Sunday, Ed Unkel's Tin Man reported a slow pick of macs in 75' of water SE of the inlet. Also, reports that a couple of fluke were taken near the RM Bridge and that a gillnetter scored with some weaks during the week.

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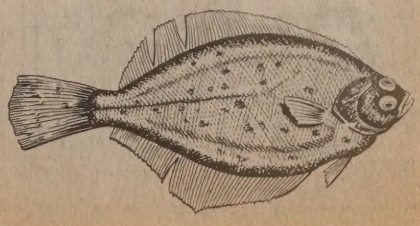

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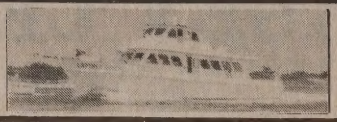

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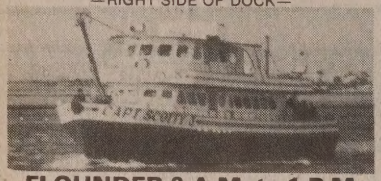

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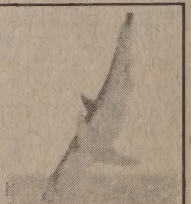

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Its been a tough spring, with water temps and storms and wind etc. but over this past weekend, it appears that the flounder action has started to come alive once again. Also the fish that are being caught are virtually all good size up to 3 pounds with virtually no throwbacks. Blackfishing has taken hold early and nicely at most all the bridges and local wrecks with fish up to 9½ pounds.

WEST END BAYS/ JONES INLET

In **Seaford**, **Capt. Eddie's Fishing Station** noted that the weekend picked up flounder wise to the tune of 15 to 20 good fish per skiff. Best areas were Four Corners, Great Island Channel and Squaw Island with worms, mussel and clam all working on both tides.

Joe at **Kim's Reef Fishing Station** called to say that after three weeks of bad weather, this past weekend showed signs of recovery. High hook honors of the weekend went to John and Rodney of Roosevelt fishing on the west side of the second Wantagh bridge.

From **Wanser's Tackle**, Lon re-assured us that the flounder action picked up a bit on the weekend with customers reporting some catches at Massapequa Cove, Squaw, Black Banks and Zack's Bay.

Slightly to the west in **Wantagh**, Mike at **Causeway Bait and Tackle** told of just fair floundering this past week due mainly to the moon tides, with catches running anywhere from 2 to 15 flatties per boat. Best action was all around the high on mussels and bloods with heavy chumming necessary. Best areas said Mike were the grounds from Haunt's to Broad Channel and Zack's. Joe B. and buddy on Thursday had 25 flounder to 1½ pounds taken at the south end of Haunts. Mr. Holle and Mr. Castelanni had 10 nice flounder between them to 1½ pounds working Fox Creek on the flood using bloods on Friday. Blackfishing has been good at the Second Wantagh and Big M for mixed fish to 9 pounds. Green crab is the ticket. The Jones Beach fishing piers also produced some blacks from ¾ to 3 pounds. Local wrecks have also had blackfish and a few sea bass. Mackerel action was called "okay" for the weekend. A customer by the name of Bruce in a private boat on Saturday had 40 and on Sunday, 18, fishing SE of Jones Inlet in 80' of water. He also brought in a 14½ pound skate.

Over in **Merrick**, **Garan's Tackle** noted that there was a bit of a pick up in the floundering for the weekend, mostly in the Merrick Bay area. Gary knew of some blackfish caught at the Meadowbrook Bridge on green crabs and he also had word that macs and herring were beginning to move in to striking range of the local inlets.

Sailing out of **Freeport**, Capt. Richie Kessinger's **Starstream II** on the weekend had good mackerel catches and a lot of herring. Fish were caught in singles, doubles and triples. However said the skipper, customers are not bagging up as yet, though the mackerel are the biggest kind, to three pounds and sometimes beyond. Everyone is catching and action is not far away, just about 1 hour from the

dock. Richie called Monday morning via the marine operator as we were putting the finishing touches on these reports and said that by 9AM, fares were enjoying great mackerel action SW of Jones at the Mud Hole. . .big Bostons. So, it appears that solid mackerel catches are now becoming a reality.

A call from Capt. Dennis of the charter boat **Corsair** advised that his weekend charters found tough floundering but nonetheless picked away and put together a catch. Saturday's trip for Miller, Proctor, Nickolas, Inc. of North Tarrytown saw Joe Williams with the pool fish. Best action was through Sloop and Reynolds with worm and mussel working best. Sunday's trip for Bridge Plaza Electric had a fair pick on flounder, with many drops required. On Sunday, mussels were the preferred bait, but all fish were 1-1¼ pounds, which equates to good eatin'. Sunday's best action was in Sea Dog and super chumming was required.

A call from Capt. Dick Hall of the **Super Spray II** advised that starting May 1st (Thursday), the boat will begin mackerel fishing at 6:30 AM every day.

We learn from skipper Mike Danon of the **Capt. Lou Fleet** that Thursday was about the only good floundering day for the whole past week. On that day, Lou Piergiorgi and Frank Mosono of Astoria had 43 flatties between them. Happy with 46 fish were Herb Schwartz and Dr. Vic Levinson. Mike said in general, the week was very slow. On his half day boat, 12 year old Mike Goldstein of Massapequa managed 20 keeper flounder. Some big blackfish to 7¼ pounds were taken in Jones Inlet. Thursday saw a total of 60 blackfish hoisted in that area. Mike said as soon as these moon tides abate and the weather straightens out, the flounder action should pick up again.

A call from Capt. Pat of the charter boats **Lady J III and IV** said that while this was not the best week of floundering, his charters picked away at the flatties and in general had enough for a meal or two. The groups he sailed this week were the Bill Farrell group, the Bill Waters group, the Bob Leo group, Bayside Lions led by Vince Yerilli, St. Mary's High School, Manhasset, the Hicksville Elks, Forest Park Inn, Bank Leumi, the Bill Holtje group. The two high hooks of the week were 5 and 8 flounder, though this weekend saw a little more and bigger fish than last week.

We hear from the **Freeport Boatmen's Association** of fair flounder action Sunday. Catches were poor prior to then. Sunday saw catches of 5 to 6 fish a man. The Atlantic and Super Spray II did fair for customers on Sunday locally, a definite improvement. Best catches were in Fundey Bay and Scow Creek at the changes. The fish were nice size, up to 2 pounds.

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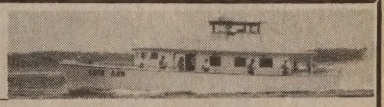

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Slightly to the south in **Point Lookout**, we hear from **Ed's Fishing Station** that the flounder action was "okay" this past week with the best yet to come. Bob Linge of West Babylon had 12 flounder on Sunday to 3 pounds working Sea Dog. Blackfishing was classified as very good at the Big M, with Tony Tolda socking it to a blackfish of 8½ pounds on Thursday taken at low slack on green crab. A 6 pound black went into the bucket of Bob Morgan of New Hyde Park at the 3rd Wantagh. A few early season fluke continue to be caught.

Aboard the charter boat **Marie III**, Sunday's charter for the Al Hank group fished an inshore wreck and had excellent catches of blacks to four pounds, sea bass, and ling to 5 pounds. The group had over 400 fish for the day and clam bait did it all.

Skipper Al Lindroth of the **Capt. Al** has now switched over to mackerel 6:30 AM daily. Al notes that his vessel is the closest boat to the mackerel grounds. Al said the flounder fishing was so skimpy last week that on Thursday morning he took his passengers out and hit and inshore wreck. An excellent day was had catching sea bass, blacks and ling on this wreck. Now, however, since the mackerel are in striking range they will be the target of the day and the boat will persue them to the east, west or south to provide mackerel fans with full bags whenever possible. Al said that when the mackerel finally do depart, he will return to the productive inshore wreck fishing once again. He noted that that macks are close in now, just about 6 to 8 miles SE of the inlet.

We hear from **Scotty's Fishing Station** that some good blackfishing has been had at the Loop Bridge on worms, fish 3 to 3½ pounds. Such a catch was had by Jim Stravinskas of the Hi & Dry Fishing Club, Franklin Square. We are told of excellent flounder catches deep in Middle Bay, where regular Al and Joe hoisted 18 big flatties from ¾ to 2¾ pounds. Several keeper fluke made a fatal mistake in Reynold's Channel for private boatmen falling to worm and frozen spearing baits. Scattered mackerel in 90' of water SE of Jones.

We hear from the **Miss Point Lookout** that the flounder week has been a relatively poor one but that the hot news is that the brand new Miss Point Lookout II has arrived in its slip and should be in service by the weekend. The skipper said that hopefully the boat will cause the

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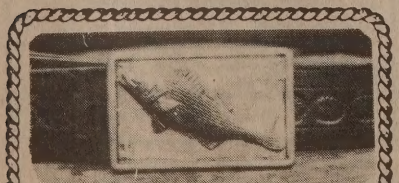

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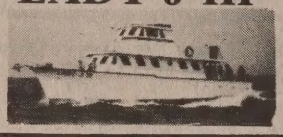

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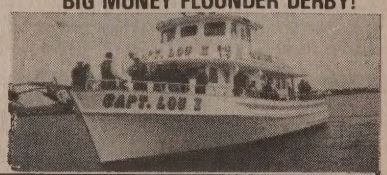

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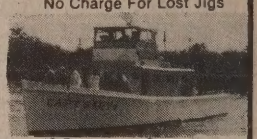

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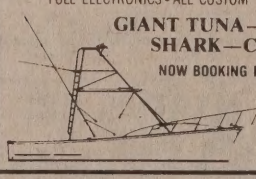

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flounder to start biting again. He said it has something to do with voodoo. Capt. Ron wished to thank Capt. Dennis of the Marie III and Capt. Bill Lindroth of the Capt. Bill for sailing his customers while he was awaiting the new boat's arrival. Ron also wished to thank his customers for being so patient and he announces that everyone is welcome and invited to the new boat's christening at 7PM on Sunday, May 4th. Refreshments will be served.

Over in **Franklin Square**, Fred at **Cast A Way Bait and Tackle** told of a spotty flounder week. Tom Tortorici on his boat "Something Fishy" had 14 flounder fishing both Jones Inlet and in the back on Sunday. Blackfishing has been good with Greg Cooper of Stewart Manor on Saturday hoisting 12 blacks in Huntington Harbor from 3 pounds to 9 pounds 3 ounces on green crab on the flood. Steve and Cookie Angello accounted for 15 blacks and 13 ling on the T Wreck Saturday. Fred said that "Hat" has not been seen all week. Anybody see him??

Bernie at **Long Beach Boat Rentals** told of nice blackfish scores at the A.B.B. and off the Buoy 4 wreck with fish to 6 pounds on green crabs. Flounder have been spotty with the best catches off the Cedarhurst Yacht Club and Buoy 9 with those caught being big.

We hear from **Beckmann's Tackle** in **Lynbrook** of Tony Passalaqua and Bob Delerario of Valley Stream fishing Sunday at the A.B.B. taking 37 blacks to 8½ pounds on greens. Blackfish at all the bridges now said Charlie at both slack tides. Flounder still picky with fish caught of good size. Both Jones and East Rockaway Inlets have been the best bets with chumming a must.

NEW YORK BIGHT

We hear from Artie at **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** on **Jamaica Bay** that flounder have been so-so off both North and South Channel Bridges with both moving tides producing. Blackfish are being caught very nicely, Artie said, on fiddler and green crabs with the Marine Parkway Bridge being the best bet. Anglers Pervis and Andy Peaks along with Sayad Williams accounted for 30 blackfish to 3 pounds on green crab from a boat under the Marine Parkway Bridge.

To the west in **Sheepshead Bay**, the Wee Willie report out of **Mike's Tackle** advised that the flounder were now good as of Sunday with fish up to 2 pounds mainly from Princess Bay and the Cedars. Blackfish on green crabs are being taken on local wrecks and along the Rockaways in pretty good numbers. Wrapping it up, the Wee One said that the mackerel have been about 1½ hours steaming time SE of the jetty, mixed with herring. There are also ling and whiting on the

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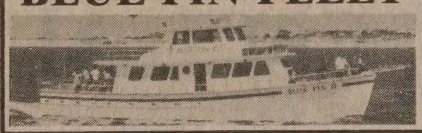

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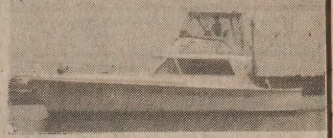

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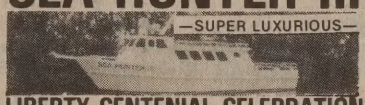

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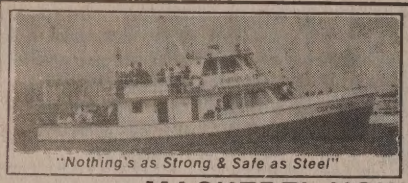

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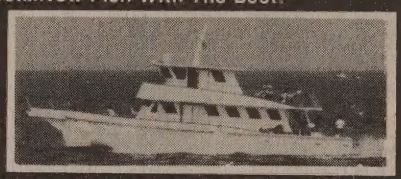

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We hear from Capt. Butch of the **Zephyr** that the floundering was picky during the week off Annandale and Keyport but that Saturday was good and Sunday was very good with water temperatures rising with the fish count. Mike A. and K. Gowdy each had 24 nice flounder. Low hook was 3 fish and they ran from ¾ of a pound on up. Sandworms worked best and Butch said that he could feel that the floundering is about to come alive.•

From Capt. Tom of the **Pilot II** we learn that the previously strong blackfish action has been tough since last week's storms and with the temperature drop and the snow runoff as well as the moon tide. Tom said that despite these drawbacks fares have been catching some blacks and ling and a few sea bass every day and things should get hot again very shortly.

Skipper Bob Weigand of the **Flamingo III** told us that on Sunday LOTS of ling were caught by fares as his boat worked the Cedars off Jersey. Friday and Saturday cold water and the gripping moon tides hurt the floundering efforts. Passengers also had some whiting and blacks on Saturday.

A call from the open boat **Elsie K III** happily reported that Sunday appeared to signal that the flounder action was breaking open again, and with bigger fish. Sunday's high hook was Bill Strobel with 36 flatties. Fish are being taken on the outside off Staten Island, the jetties and Cedars.

North Shore REPORT

with Marty Garrell

Despite forecasts of a fine weekend of sunny skies and mild temperatures, a backdoor weather system gave damp, cloudy weather to most of the North Shore for much of the weekend. Still, calm conditions produced some pretty good flounder fishing in deepwater areas. Mackerel are still a question mark, but confirmed catches of a few tautog came in.

WESTERN SOUND

Larry at **John's Gun** in **New Rochelle** figured that next week would provide the best shot at flounder, but John DiCuffa at **Jack's Bait** on **City Island** had a few catches that were outstanding during the weekend. August D'Agostino managed 27 nice flounder from a favorite hole around Larchmont.

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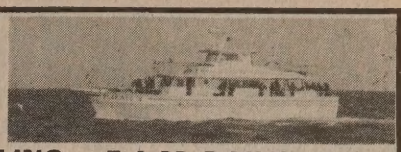

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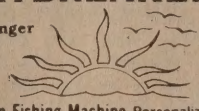

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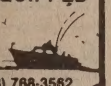

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Party boat action was described as "decent" and "not too bad" by the **Klondike VIII** and the **Apache**. The New Rochelle boat was off Northport on Friday and Saturday, fishing in 10-20 feet of water with pretty good crowds. The City Island boat was off Huntington some of the time and then outside the face of Lloyds later. The largest fish were in 10 feet of water off Lloyds, but the whole boat could make up only 60-70 of the larger flounder in a shot. Hence, the smaller flatties inside had to satisfy those who wanted quantity. Outgoing was best when you could fish the strong tides, but incoming was also productive, especially around Eatons where a screaming ebb made the fishing impractical.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

"I'll call it spring," said skipper Roy Cash of the **Port Jeff Ace** after seeing laughing gulls, terns and a good catch of flounder east of Port Jeff on Sunday. Fares had anywhere from a few fish to 10 per head, and they picked all day long. Some tautog from rats to 4 pounds were mixed with the catch, and Cash figures another 10 days of good floundering before mixed bag angling begins.

John Alberda called in a report of good fishing at the mouth of the Nissequogue on Sunday for Al Mosher and Al, Jr., aboard the **T.J.** They pulled 50 flatties from a pound to 2-4, from 5-8 feet of water with most of the action on incoming water.

Some of the largest flounder in recent years came from catches around Roanoke late last week. Wayne Poillon weighed a 4-2 at the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop**, and Fred Mildner also put an enormous 4-8 on the scales there for the charter craft **Hawkeye**. According to Stan Hentschel at the shop you could anchor and chum off the Shoreham Yacht Club or you could find places where surf clamming was going on and simply drift until fish were found. Then it was anchor until the pick ran out before drifting again. No chum and fish worms!

Back west, George Valentine at **Four Winds** saw 12-17 fish in the best catches and 3-8 on slow days. His wife Corinne had the best fish of the season at the shop so far, a 2-1 from Crab Meadow. Ther were fish from ¾ to 1¼ pounds off Marshall Field. **Huntington Prop** liked the golf course beaches for flounder and mentioned what could be a showing of mackerel

in Huntington Harbor.

Ilene Fleischmann at **Greenlawn Sports** said that there were ¾ pound flounder in numbers off Duck Island, while Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** in **Northport** figured that you could find an occasional 1½ pounder there as well. Bowman said that Sound temperature dipped to the 47 degree mark last week and put a chill on much of the local action before the weekend. Still there were some nice catches when the boats could get to the areas west of Shoreham. **Caraftis Fishing Station** saw a lot of 1¼ pound fish in Port Jeff Harbor and fish from 1½ up, west of Shoreham. A pick of 7-9 large flounder per outing was the norm before the weather finally broke over the weekend.

Ralph's Fsihing Station at **Mount Sinai** saw the first bass around Shoreham and a few decent catches of flounder off the beaches on Saturday.

Capt. Frank of the charter boat **My Yacht II** reported 14 flatties for Lou Iannachhio and his party on Saturday. Although the flounder are still hit or miss the best action appears to be on the outgoing tide. On Sunday, Capt. Frank and his mate Bill, finding the flounder a bit off their feed, decided to try for blackfish and hit the jackpot. Eighteen nice blackfish from three to eight pounds were caught fishing the Shoreham pipeline. The blackfish hit on both tides, took clams and sandworms. Two of the fish reached the eight pound mark on the scale at **Ralph's Fishing Station**.

NORTH FORK

The best fishing in the area appeared to break loose dramatically off Mattituck on Saturday, according to Charlie Caraftis at the **Mattituck Fishing Station**. Catches ran from a dozen to more than 50 flounder per boat for the 8 livery craft that put out to sea, and sizes ran from 1¼ pounds to 3-4! Fishing was in 15-20 feet of water, and there were as many skates as there were flounder. Some sea robins were noted as well.

Members of the Sunrise Anglers and their families enjoyed a beautiful day on the water aboard the **Capt. Bob** from **Mattituck**. Although a slow pick was the order of the day, quality fish, including several over three pounds, were caught on worms. Pool fish was caught by Gary Stuphen, with second place taken by Louise Rynkowski.

Warren's in **Aquebogue** was talking about an exceptional catch of 18 flounder to 2 pounds by a regular fishing around Three Mile Harbor, but the Peconic Bays were described as "very picky" by Ace Cottral at the **Port of Egypt**. Most of the marina craft were sailing around to the Sound where they were fishing anywhere

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Sal Loria at **Captain Marty's** had typical half dozen fish catches from the South Race and from Nassau Point, but he's looking ahead to the first weakfish, now that a few tiderunners have been taken commercially around Shinnecock Bay and off Mashomack in the traps. There was also a catch of 650 pounds of mackerel in one trap, according to John Sinning at the **AP White Bait Shop**. A pair of large tautog around 10 pounds came from East Marion on Saturday according to the AP White Bait Shop.

Richie Jensen of the **Nancy Ann** reported that Gardiners was hosting very few flounder now, but that signs were encouraging. His charter had 20 large flatties down there on Saturday.

Some very good numbers of flounder seeemed to be coming from Orient, Petty's and Trumans. The biggest fish in the area fell to the **Peconic Star**. Keith Wilkinson weighed fish of 2-8 and 3-0 at White's.

George Porter of the **Brand X** enjoyed a good Friday on the Sound despite the blow, but had to move a lot for his fish on Saturday. Action was better on numbers of fish to the east, with some 2½ pounders noted in the catch.

Freshwater REPORT
with Tom Schlichter

With warm temperatures over the weekend, freshwater anglers had a solid week. Bass, panfish and carp seem to have shaken off the effects of the cool weather of early spring and are now feeding with relish. Trout fishing remains consistent in most of the usual haunts but pickerel action seemed to slip just a bit.

Charlie Beckman of **Beckman's Bait and Tackle** in **Lynbrook**, told us he looked over a twenty-one inch rainbow trout taken from the Connetquot River State Park on a Hare's Ear nymph by Howard Schoen of Hewlett. Also stopping by the shop this week was Dough Orkcois who told Charlie that he caught and released a twenty-seven inch pickerel in Southard's Pond, Babylon. Locally, Charlie said that catch and release bass fishing in Hempstead Lake and Grant Park has been red hot. A lot of nice fish have been taken on spinners, plugs and spinnerbaits, especially in Hempstead Lake. Several anglers also reported strikes from very strong fish that they just could not turn. Could it

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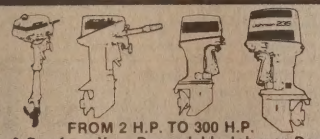

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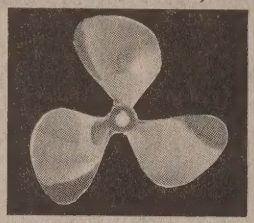

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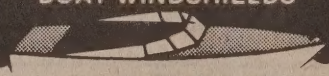

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A call to **Causeway Bait and Tackle** in **Wantagh**, revealed some first rate crappie action is now taking place at the Twin Lakes. According to Mike Nicoletti, Lowell Eidman had twenty nice fish on Saturday along with a half dozen small bass which were released. Killies did the trick. Carp fishing in the Mill Pond is "Fabulous" right now with plenty of big fish, to nineteen pounds, taken over the past several days. Corn fished dead still on the bottom has been the best bait for this action.

Fred Laager of **Edelman's Sportsman's Center** in **Farmingdale**, reports a fair week with largemouth bass beginning to show in more and more catches. Billy White fished Southard's Pond over the weekend where he connected with three bass to two pounds on gold blade/white skirt spinnerbaits. Carl Cangialosi of Holbrook stopped by to say that he journied up to Port Jarvis to sample the shad fishing in the Delaware River and was quite satisfied with his results, seven shad to eight pounds, in one hour's fishing time! White shad darts on six pound test line was the ticket to this fast fishing.

Tom Healy of **Augies Tackle** in **Babylon** reported three rainbow trout to 2.11 pounds for Bob Kreuder on Tuesday. The fish were taken on Hare's Ear nymphs in Connetquot State Park.

J&R Sports Center in **Oakdale**, reports that fishing was good over the weekend. One angler who stopped in told of catching and releasing four pickerel to 24 inches at Artist Lake in Middle Island on Saturday. Mixed in also were ten crappies to ten inches and several bass in the two to three pound class. The bass were all released. Phil gave Mill Pond in Sayville a shot on Sunday morning and took four stocked trout on muskrat nymph flies.

While Paul Graniello of **J&J Bait and Tackle** in **Patchogue** reported no specifics this week, he did say that trout fishing seemed to be pretty good over the weekend. A lot of nine to twelve inch fish are being culled from East and West Lakes in Patchogue. Paul added that pickerel have been responding well to live killies and plugs worked in Lace Mill Pond, Patchogue.

George Devlin of the **Fisherman's Deli** in **Riverhead**, reported a busy week on the freshwater front with bass fishing exceptionally hot. Fred Scheferston came out on Friday and nailed nine bass and eight pickerel in the upper Peconic River area. Saturday saw Bill Hamlin of Bethpage work the river near the shop to the tune of five bass to 4.5 pounds on spinner baits. Also on Saturday, George Wilson and friends had thirty bullheads and fourty bluegills along the railroad tracks at Forge Pond. George and his buddies used a combination of red worms, nightcrawlers and cricketts to do their damage. On Sunday, Gary Henry of Huntington came by the shop to let George know that spinnerbaits with willow leaf spinners were the key to his catch of six bass and Mike Jacobson and Chris Jehoe confirmed the effectiveness of the spinnerbaits, adding that plastic worms were working well also. Mike and Chris took four bass and two pickerel while working the river behind the shop. Chartruse and blue or black skirts seemed to work best on the spinnerbaits this week according to George.

From Bill Johnson of **Odessey Charters** in **Rochester**, word is that salmon and brown trout fishing in Lake Ontario was pretty good until heavy boating traffic put the fish down on the weekend. Most of the salmon have been taken in twenty to fourty-five feet of water while the browns, lakers and cohos have been a little shallower. 4.5 inch, jointed green Rapalas and Rebels have been the most productive lures and these have been worked off downriggers or planing boards.

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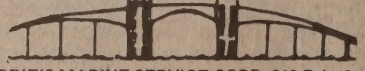

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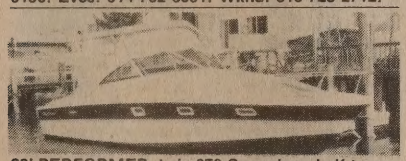

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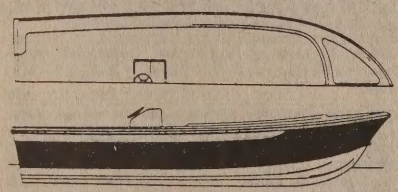

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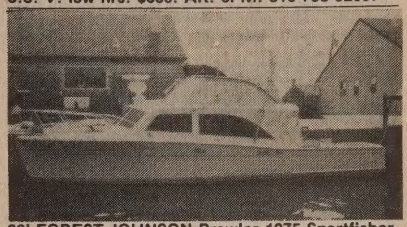

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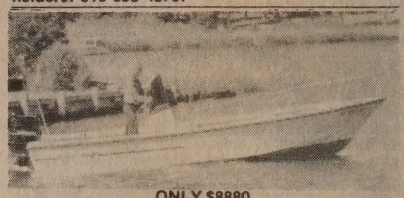

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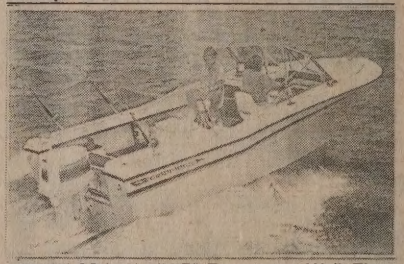

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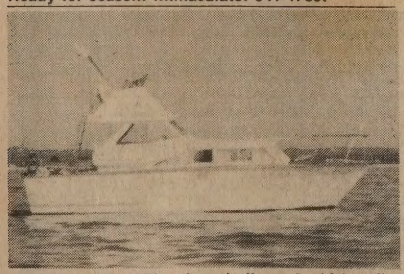

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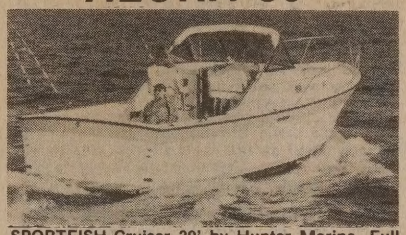

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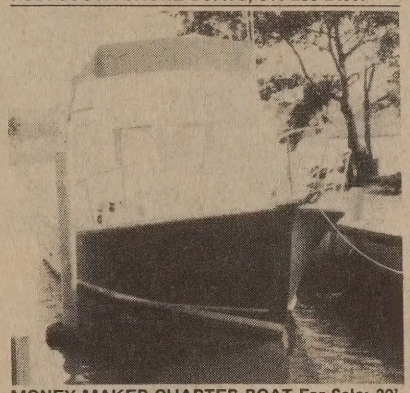

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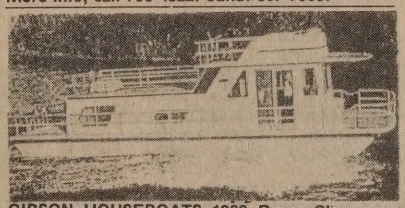

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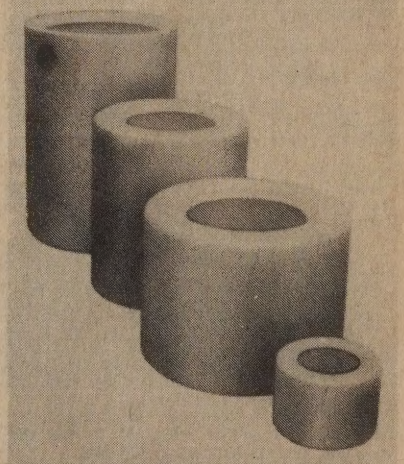

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THURS.	2:20	3:05	3:10	3:55	3:00	3:45	4:00	4:55	6:35	7:20	5:50	6:35	2:20	2:55	5/1
FRI.	3:25	4:10	3:20	5:05	4:05	4:50	5:10	6:00	7:50	8:20	6:00	7:40	3:25	3:55	5/2
SAT.	4:30	5:10	5:30	6:05	5:05	5:45	6:20	6:55	8:50	9:15	8:05	8:35	4:25	4:55	5/3
SUN.	5:30	6:00	6:25	7:00	6:05	6:40	7:20	7:45	9:45	10:05	9:05	9:25	15:20	5:40	5/4
MON.	6:20	6:45	7:15	7:40	7:00	7:25	8:05	8:25	10:30	10:50	9:55	10:15	6:05	6:25	5/5
TUES.	7:05	7:25	8:00	8:20	7:45	8:00	8:50	9:00	11:15	11:30	10:40	10:50	6:50	7:05	5/6
WED.	7:45	8:00	8:40	8:55	8:20	8:40	9:25	9:35	11:55	—	11:20	11:30	7:30	7:50	5/7
THURS.	8:20	8:35	9:15	9:30	9:00	9:15	10:05	10:10	12:05	12:35	—	12:00	8:10	8:25	5/8

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	—0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	—0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	—0 12
Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehobeth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	—0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	—0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point, north side	—1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	—0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	—1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:		RISE:	SET:
THU.	5/1	5:56	7:58
FRI.	5/2	5:55	7:59
SAT.	5/3	5:54	8:00
SUN.	5/4	5:53	8:01
MON.	5/5	5:51	8:03
TUE.	5/6	5:50	8:04
WED.	5/7	5:49	8:05

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:		RISE:	SET:
THU.	5/1	2:48AM	12:31PM
FRI.	5/2	3:19AM	1:41PM
SAT.	5/3	3:44AM	2:48PM
SUN.	5/4	4:06AM	3:55PM
MON.	5/5	4:26AM	4:55PM
TUE.	5/6	4:46AM	5:51PM
WED.	5/7	5:07AM	7:00PM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
5/8	5/17	5/23	5/1

The Original Knight SOLUNAR TABLES

The schedule of solunar periods below will help plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during the time when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	—	6:30	12:40	6:55
Fri.	1:10	7:15	1:25	7:40
Sat.	1:55	8:00	2:10	8:20
Sun.	2:35	8:35	2:45	9:00
Mon.	3:15	9:15	3:25	9:35
Tues.	3:50	9:50	4:00	10:10
Wed.	4:25	10:25	4:35	10:50
Thurs.	5:05	11:05	5:15	11:30

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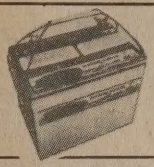

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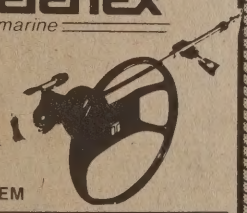

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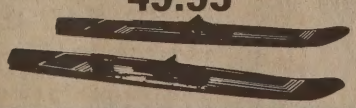

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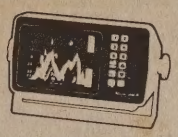

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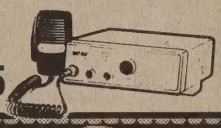

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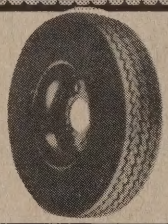

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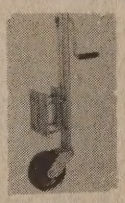

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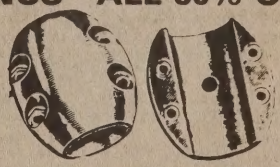

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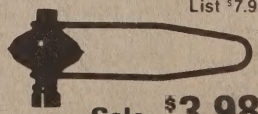

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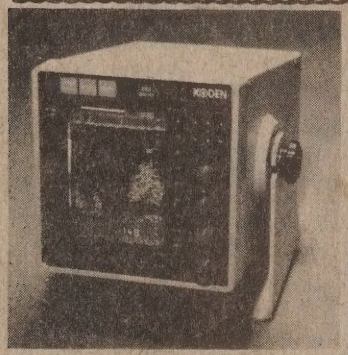

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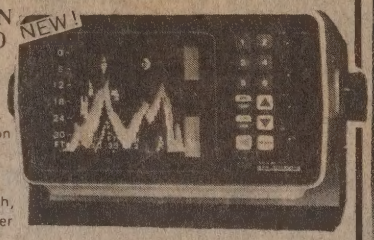

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